	28.1 Structure of the Sun
The Sun	 Made of 70% hydrogen 28% helium 2% everything else (metals, carbon, etc.) 3 basic layers: The core Inner zones Atmosphere
The Core	 At the center of the sun is the core. The core makes up 25% of the sun's total diameter of 1,390,000 km. The temperature of the core is about 15,000,000 °C. The core is made up entirely of ionized gas, and is 10 times as dense as iron.
Hydrogen Fusion	**Draw image from the Powerpoint**
Mass Into Energy	 One of the final products of the fusion of hydrogen in the sun is always a helium nucleus. The helium nucleus has about 0.7% less mass than the hydrogen nuclei that combined to form it do. The lost mass is converted into energy during the series of fusion reactions that forms helium. The energy released during the three steps of nuclear fusion causes the sun to shine and gives the sun its high temperature.
Radiative Zone	 radiative zone the zone of the sun's interior that is between the core and the convective zone and in which energy moves by radiation The radiative zone of the sun surrounds the core. The temperature of the radiative zone ranges from about 2,000,000°C to 7,000,000 °C . In the radiative zone, energy moves outward in the form of electromagnetic waves, or radiation.
Convective Zone	 Convective zone the region of the sun's interior that is between the radiative zone and the photosphere and in which energy is carried upward by convection The convective zone surrounds the radiative zone. The temperature of the convective zone is about 2,000,000°C. Energy produced in the core moves through this zone by <i>convection</i>. <i>Convection</i> is the transfer of energy by moving liquids or gases. The Sun's Atmosphere The sun's atmosphere has three layers: the photosphere, the chromosphere, and the corona.

Photosphere	 photosphere the visible surface of the sun Photosphere means "sphere of light." The photosphere of the sun is the innermost layer of the sun's atmosphere. The photosphere is made of gases that have risen from the convective zone. The temperature in the photosphere is about 6,000°C. Much of the energy given off from the photosphere is in the form of visible light.
Chromosphere	 chromosphere the thin layer of the sun that is just above the photosphere and that glows a reddish color during eclipses ■ The chromosphere lies just above the photosphere. The chromosphere's temperature ranges from 4,000°C to 50,000 °C.
Corona	 corona the outermost layer of the sun's atmosphere The corona is a huge region of gas that has a temperature above 1,000,000°C. As the corona expands, electrons and electrically charged particles called <i>ions</i> stream out into space. These particles make up <i>solar wind</i>, which flows outward from the sun to the rest of the solar system.