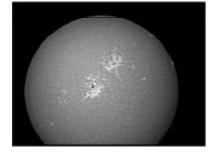
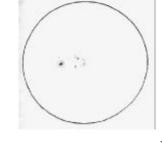
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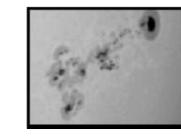
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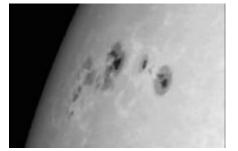
Sun Spots:

Slightly cooler & darker areas on the Sun's surface. Caused by intense magnetic fields that partly block the flow of energy.



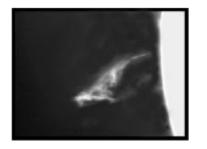






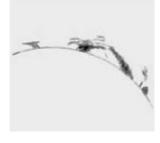
Prominences:

Giant arcs of hydrogen gas thousands of miles long and high. Their shapes are determined by the Sun's magnetic field.





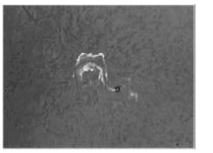


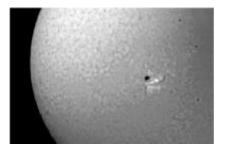


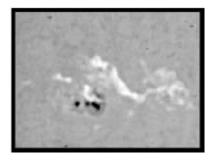
Solar Flares:

Giant explosions of radiation, and energy that breaks away from the Sun. Usually come from large complex sunspot groups.









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