Each block represents a pair of letters. The puzzle is titled "Sunrise, Sunset" because each block is supposed to be read from the left and then the right (the sides that would be lit at opposite times of the day).

For example, looking at the block from the left, five blocks should be visible, forming a T



And from the right, seven blocks form an H

Bonus - Sunrise, Sunset



The letter pairs:

TH EO NL YM AR SU PI AL IN NO RT HA ME RI CA

Answering the clue phrase, "the only marsupial in North America" gets you the answer: ${\bf OPOSSUM}$