**The Anatomy of the Eye**

- **Eyelid**
  The skin-covered structure that protects the front of the eye; limits light entering the eye; spreads tears over cornea.

- **Cornea (KOR-nee-uh)**
  The clear outer part of the eye's focusing system located at the front of the eye.

- **Iris**
  The colored part of the eye; regulates the amount of light entering the eye.

- **Fovea (FOH-vee-uh)**
  The center of the macula; gives the sharpest vision.

- **Lens**
  The clear part of the eye behind the iris that helps to focus light on the retina. Allows the eye to focus on both far and near objects.

- **Macula (MAK-yoo-luh)**
  The small sensitive area of retina that gives central vision; contains the fovea.

- **Optic nerve**
  The bundle of over one million nerve fibers that carries visual messages from the retina to the brain.

- **Pupil**
  The opening at the center of the iris. The iris adjusts the size of the pupil and controls the amount of light that can enter the eye.

- **Retina (RET-in-nuh)**
  The light-sensitive tissue lining the back of the eyeball; sends electrical impulses to the brain.

- **Sclera (SKLEH-ruh)**
  The tough, white outer coat of the eye.

- **Vitreous Humor (VIT-ree-us)**
  The clear gel filling the inside of the eye.

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