

Guiding Question: What variables affect size of a crater made by a falling object?

Learning Goal: Design and collect data for an experiment on the gravitational potential energy to make a crater.

### Agenda

- 1) Daily Science Review-Conservation of energy
- 2) Introduction to impact craters
- 3) Impact crater lab design
- 4) Collect data for impact craters Lab

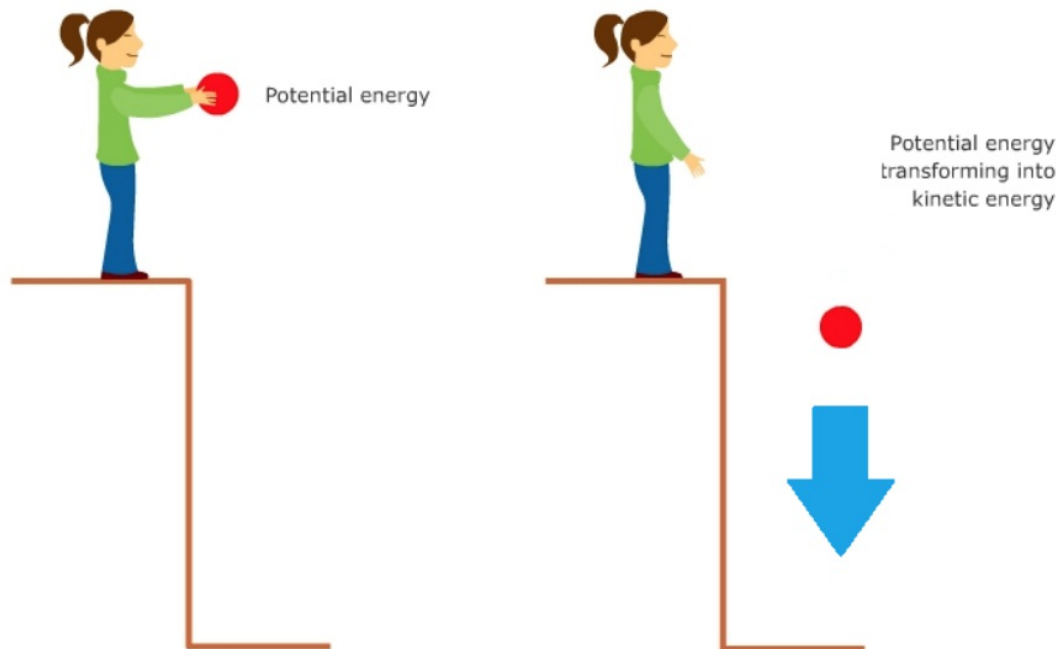
Word of the day

Gravitational Potential Energy

# WOD

## Gravitational Potential Energy (GPE)

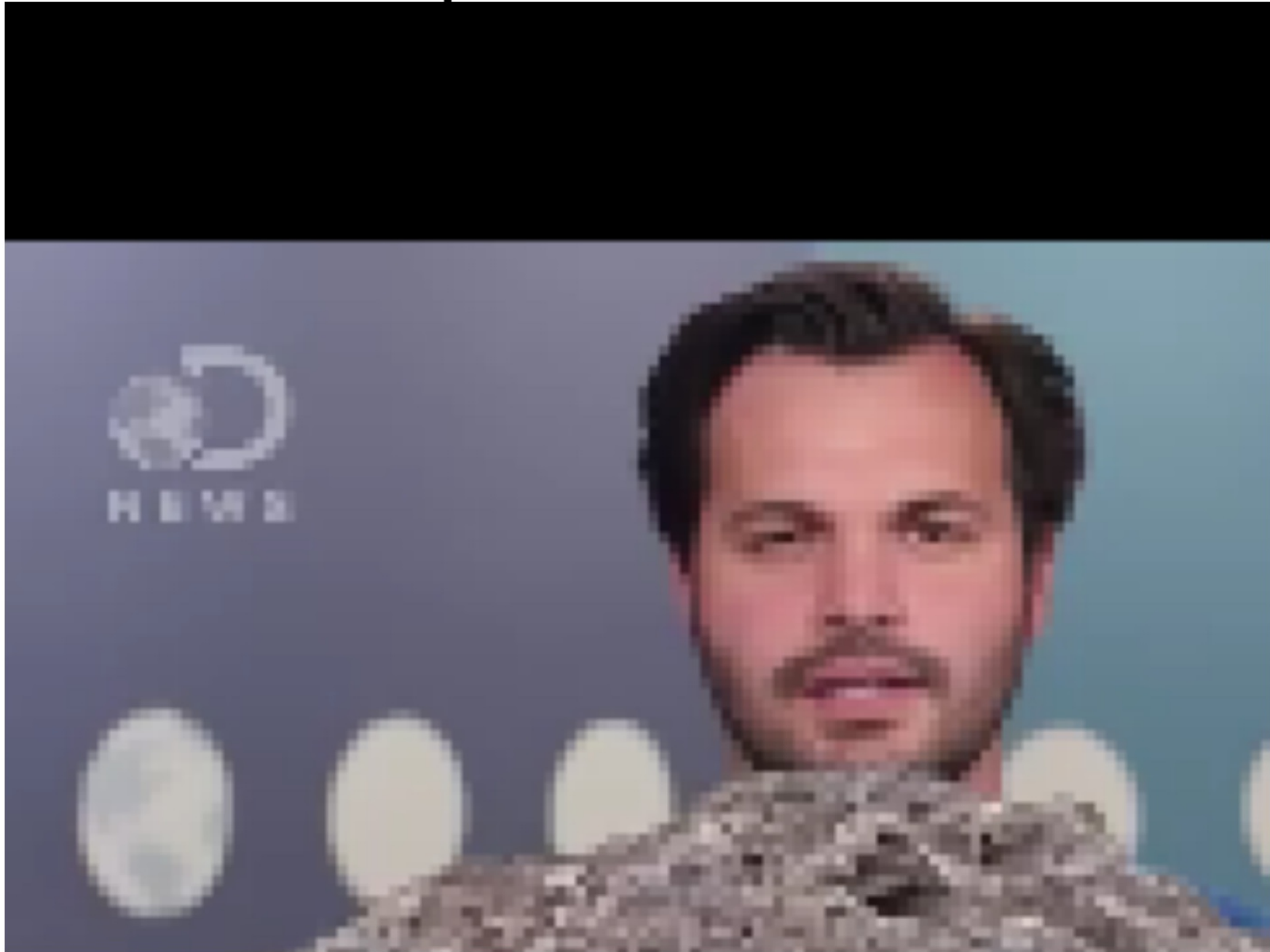
Gravitational potential energy is the energy stored in an object as the result of its vertical position or height.



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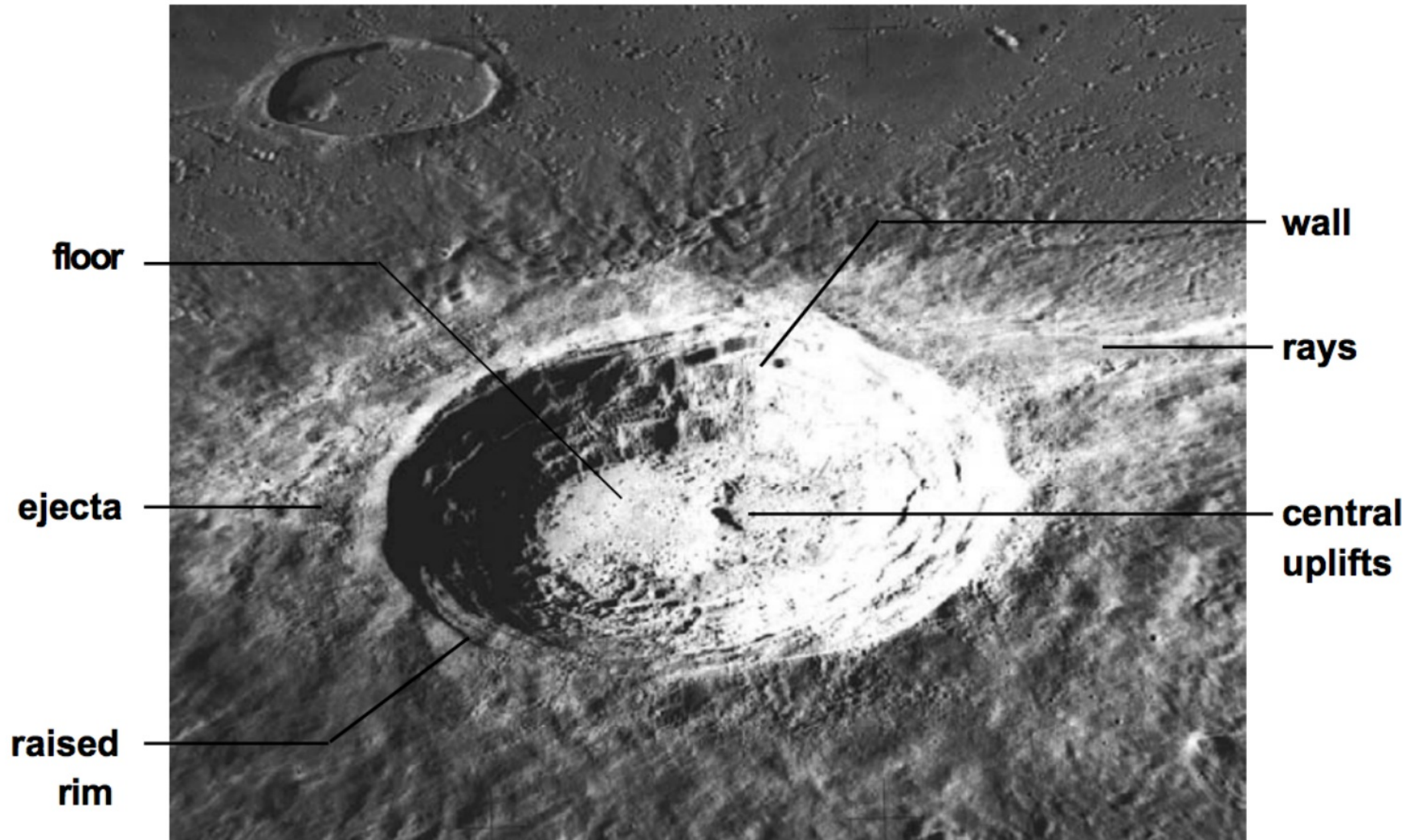
# Impact Craters

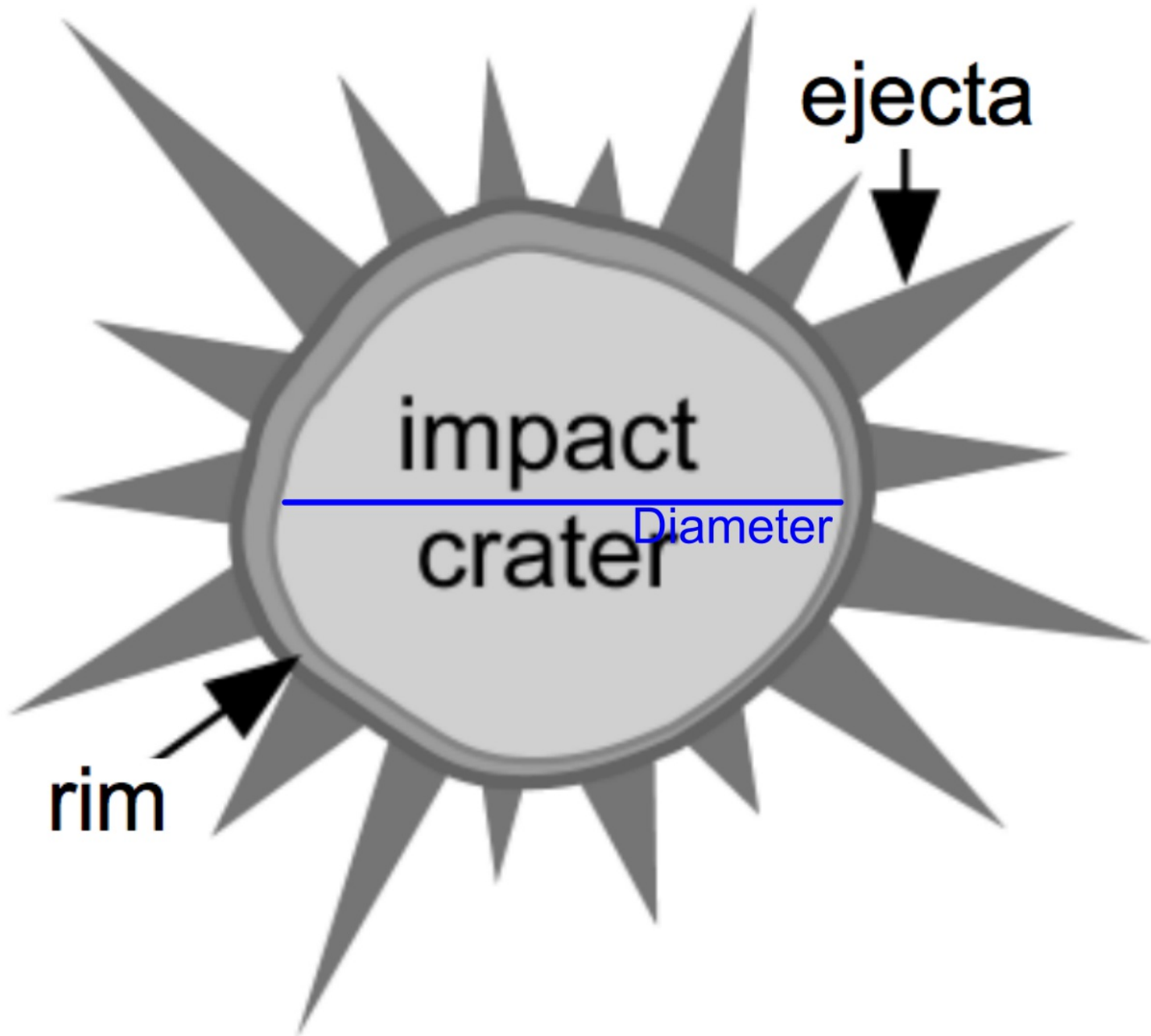


What factors affect the size of an impact crater?



# Parts of an impact crater





impact  
crater

ejecta

rim

Diameter

Materials available to model craters.



What independent variables should we test?

What dependent variables should we test?



## Craters Lab

### 1. Variables:

Independent variable:

Dependent variable:

### 2. Testable Question:

### 3. Hypothesis:

If \_\_\_\_\_ Then \_\_\_\_\_ Because \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. Materials:

List all the materials you are going to use

### 5. Procedure:

Make a NUMBERED list of the steps you are going to follow (6-8 steps)

## Sample data table MAKE THIS YOUR OWN!

### 6. Data Table

Variable and value of constant Example: Mass of 50g

Write your independent variable here	Diameter of Crater	Height of Crater

Get approval before you collect data

# Make 2 Graphs for your data

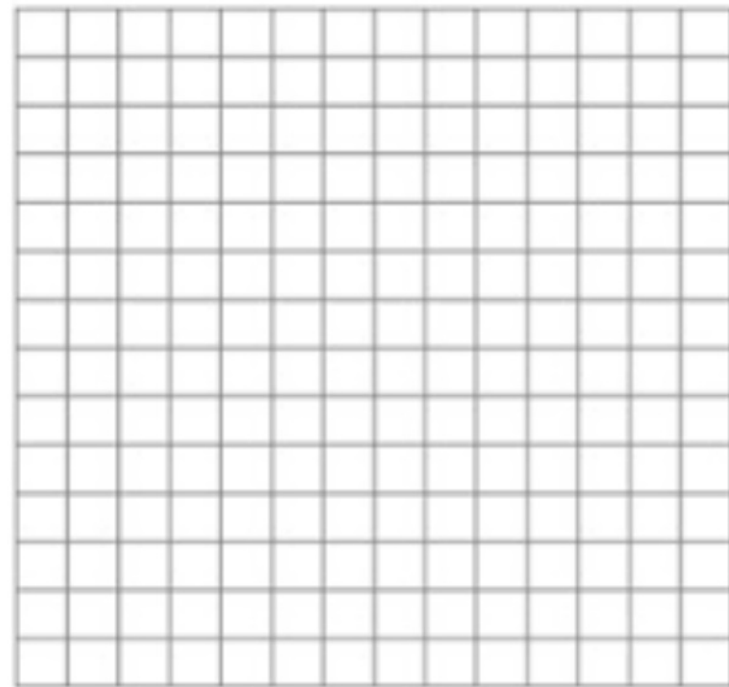
Make a scatter plot with a best-fit line.

diameter (cm)



Your independent Variable

depth (cm)



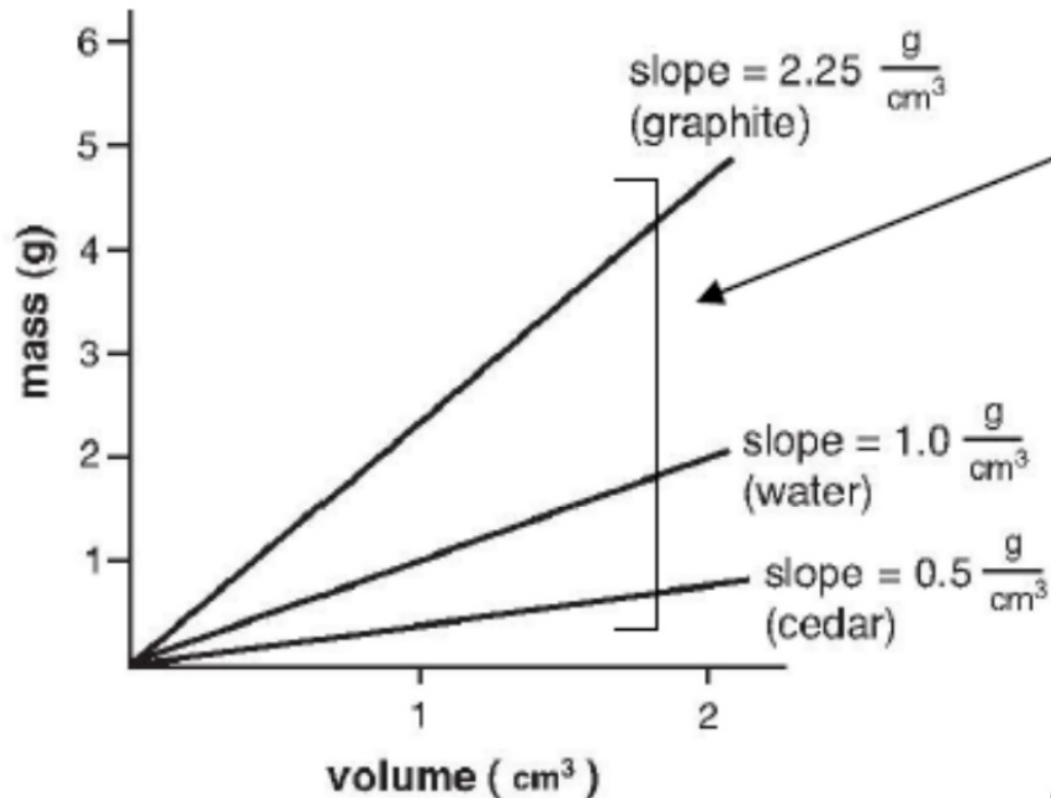
Your independent Variable

p. 60 or 61

## 7. Conclusion

Claim:

to state the relationships between your independent variable and the dependent variables



**What I see:**

3 constant positive slopes that are not the same.

**What it means:**

Each substance has a constant density; graphite is the densest.

**Claim:** Graphite, water and cedar all of positive slopes but are not the same. Graphite has the highest slope and is the most dense, the water and cedar has the lowest slope.

## 7. Conclusion

### Claim:

to state (facts or "truths") what you find out from your experiment

### Evidence:

Writing your support of your claim by summarizing your data/numbers in a way that supports your claim.

### Explanation:

Leave 5 lines for now!!! We will work on this later

**Errors:** What errors were made because of the tools you used or the procedure we had to follow

**NOT MISTAKES YOU MADE**

**Further Investigations:**

What do you want to do next time? Explain why you want to do this.

When Done take a picture of  
your lab in showbie