

### HAST-C WORKSHOP 4

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**USING THE** 

## SCIENTIFIC METHOD

#### 1 QUESTION

Ask yourself, "What do I want to learn more about?", or "I wonder what would happen if ...?"

#### 2 HYPOTHESIZE

Research to help you make an educated guess, or hypothesis, and then answer your question.

#### 3 EXPERIMENT

Test your hypothesis by making a plan and conducting an experiment.

#### 4 OBSERVE & RECORD

Make careful observations and write down what happens.

#### 5 ANALYZE

Use your information to draw conclusions about your experiment. Was your hypothesis correct?

#### 6 SHARE RESULTS

Explain your results by presenting your experiment, observations, and conclusions.

#### **DESIGN YOUR EXPERIMENT — STEP 1**

Identify the Dependent and Independent Variables

Independent - What You Control (Temperature, Pressure, UV Exposure)

Dependent - What You Measure

#### EXPERIMENT PROPOSAL

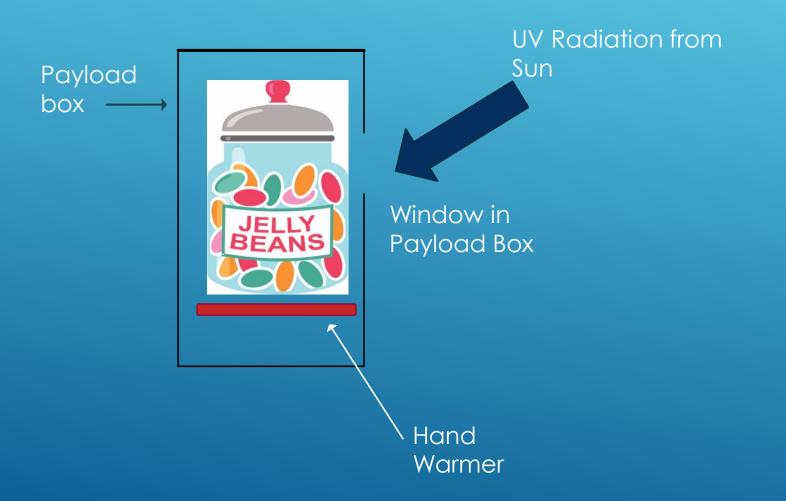
**Title** – Should give a good idea of the purpose of the experiment.

**Introduction** – Describe your objective.

Body – Describe the design and list the items needed.
Include a schematic.
List the dependent and independent variables.
Describe the procedure you will follow.

Conclusion – What question you hope to answer.

# MEASURING THE EFFECTS OF UV RADIATION AND EXPOSURE TO A NEAR VACUUM ON THE TASTE OF JELLY BEANS



- 1. Before launch the experimenters will taste the jelly beans and rate (on a scale of 1-5) the sweetness, crunchiness, and flavor.
- 2. Jellybeans will be flown up to 20 miles altitude and exposed to UV radiation for about 3 hours.
- 3. After flight the experimenters will taste the jelly beans and rate the sweetness, crunchiness, and flavor.
- 4. We will average the results .

#### EXPERIMENT ITEM LIST

- 1. One 6 oz clear plastic jar with holes cut in lid. Weight = 6 oz
- 2. Thirty fresh jelly beans of various flavors. Weight = 3 oz
- 3. One hand warmer. Weight = 2 oz.

#### KEY DATES

Email your proposals to <u>richard@scienceheads.org</u>

- Proposals due October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Announcement of selected experiments October 21st
- Launch November 9th