



Alternative Method of Instruction
Middle School – 8th Grade
Day 3

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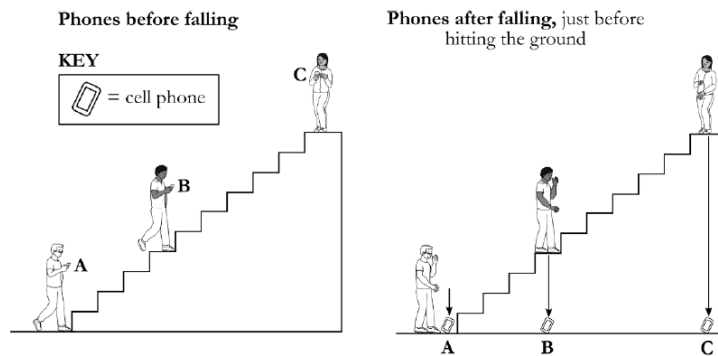
Using Models to Analyze Energy Transformations

Why?

We know that energy comes in many forms – kinetic energy, potential energy, thermal energy, chemical energy, electrical energy, mechanical energy, and more. In this activity we will explore three common situations that result in energy changing from one type to another.

As you work through the following questions, be sure to follow your team role(s).

Model 1 – How does changing the motion and position of an object change its energy?




Total Energy of each cell phone

Phone		Height (m)	Potential Energy (J)	Kinetic Energy (J)	Total Energy (J)
A	Before	1.3	2	0	
	During	0.7	1	1	
	After	≈ 0	≈ 0	2	

Phone		Height (m)	Potential Energy (J)	Kinetic Energy (J)	Total Energy (J)
B	Before	2.6	4	0	
	During	1.3	2	2	
	After	≈ 0	≈ 0	4	

Phone		Height (m)	Potential Energy (J)	Kinetic Energy (J)	Total Energy (J)
C	Before	3.9	6	0	
	During	2	3	3	
	After	≈ 0	≈ 0	6	

*Use the information in Model 1 to answer questions 1 – 7.
Reach agreement with your team before writing down your consensus answers.*

1. What does the symbol  represent in Model 1?
2. How many cell phones would you need to conduct the experiment shown in Model 1?

1
2
3
4
6
3. Describe what is happening in Model 1. Be complete and specific.

Read This!

We recall that when two variables are **directly related**, the value of one increases as the value of the other increases. When two variables are **inversely related**, the value of one increases as the value of the other decreases.

4. Look closely at the column labeled **Height** in Model 1.
 - a. Circle the variable that is **directly related** to the height of the phone.

Potential energy
Kinetic energy
Total Energy
 - b. Circle the variable that is **inversely related** to the height of the phone.

Potential energy
Kinetic energy
Total Energy
5. Look closely at the diagram and the data table in Model 1.
 - a. **Highlight** the word “before” each of the five times it appears in Model 1.
 - b. Choose a different color to **highlight** the word “after” each of the four times it appears.

6. Focus on the information about cell phone A.

- a. Describe the pattern of **potential energy** (PE) values before → during → after falling.
- b. Describe the pattern of **kinetic energy** (KE) values before → during → after falling.
- c. As the potential energy of the phone decreases, what happens to the kinetic energy of the phone? Include evidence from Model 1 to support your claim.
- d. Is the **relationship** between the potential energy and the kinetic energy of the cell phone **direct** or **inverse**? Include information from your answer in question 6.c. to explain your reasoning.

Read This!

We recall that gravitational **Potential Energy** is related to the height of an object above the ground level. **Kinetic Energy** is related to the speed of an object. We will assume that these are the only two types of energy present in the cell phone.



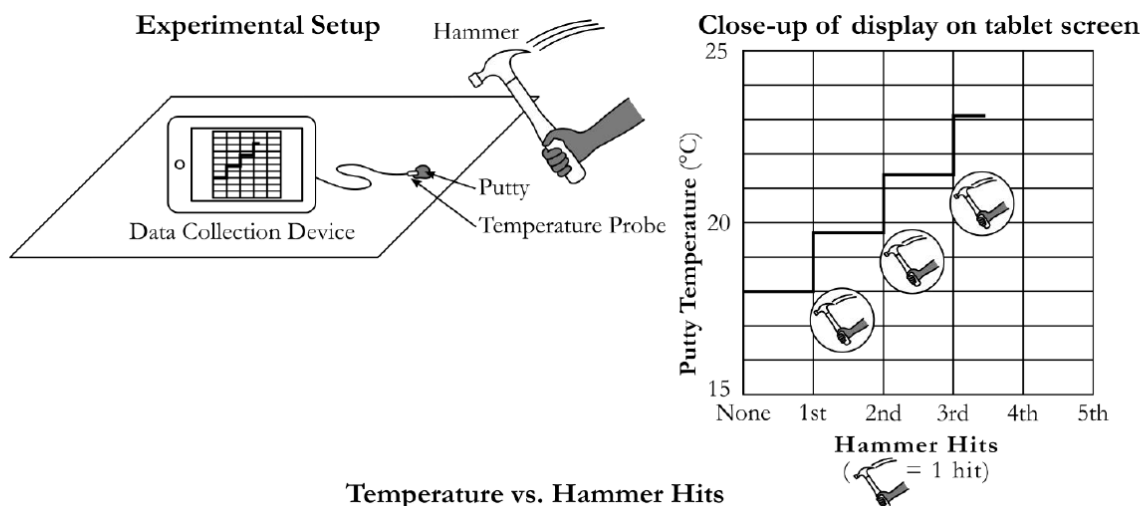
7. Discuss with your team.

- a. Fill in the correct values in the right column of Model 1.
- b. Write one or two sentences to describe how the **total energy** of the phone is related to its position and to its movement.



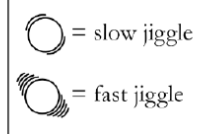
Check your answer to question 7 with your teacher before you continue.

Model 2 – How does changing the motion of one object change the motion of particles in another object?



Hammer Hit	Hammer's KE just before the hit (J)	Hammer's KE just after the hit (J)	Putty's Internal TE just after the hit (J)	Temperature of putty (°C)	Movement (jiggle) of putty molecules
None	No Hammer	No Hammer	No Hits 4,250	Room temp. 18	
1st	25	0	4,275	19.7	
2nd	25	0	4,300	21.4	
3rd	25	0	4,325	23.1	

KEY



Use the information in Model 2 to answer questions 8 – 18.

Reach agreement with your team before writing down your consensus answers.

8. What does the symbol represent in Model 2?

9. What does the symbol represent in Model 2? Be specific.

10. How many times did the person hit the putty with a hammer during the experiment in Model 2?

0 1 2 3 4 6

11. Describe the experimental setup shown in Model 2. Be complete and specific.

12. Focus on the **top two rows** of the data table in Model 2. Let's look at the energy in the **hammer** before and after the first hammer hit. Assume the hammer does not bounce after each hit.

a. Fill in the data table below to organize your information. Think about the meaning of kinetic energy as it relates to movement.

Energy in the Hammer

Time	Hammer's Kinetic Energy (J)	Is the hammer moving or not moving?
Before 1 st hammer hit		
Just after 1 st hammer hit		

b. Discuss with your team. Does the **KE of the hammer** increase or decrease after the hammer hit? How much change is there?



Check your answers to question 12 with your teacher before you continue.

13. Focus again on the **top two rows** of the data table in Model 2. Now let's look at the energy in the **putty** before and after the first hammer hit.

- a. Fill in the data table below to organize your information. Think about the meaning of internal thermal energy as it relates to the movement of particles in the putty.

Energy in the Putty

Time	Putty's Internal Thermal Energy (J)	Temperature of putty ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Movement (jiggle) of putty molecules
Just before 1st hammer hit			
Just after 1st hammer hit			

- b. Does the **temperature** of the putty increase or decrease after the hammer hit? How much change is there?

- c. Discuss with your team. Does the **movement** of putty molecules increase or decrease after the hammer hit?

14. Where do you think the hammer's Kinetic Energy went during the hit? Explain your reasoning. Include specific data from Model 2 to support your claim.

15. Does your answer in question 14 work for the second and third hammer hits? Explain your reasoning.




Check your answers to questions 14 and 15 with your teacher before you continue.

16. Predict what will happen to the system if you hit the putty with a hammer one more time.

a. Your team's calculations:

b. Fill in the data table below to record your numerical and particle motion predictions.

Hammer Hit	Hammer's KE just before the hit (J)	Hammer's KE just after the hit (J)	Putty's Internal TE just after the hit (J)	Temperature of putty ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Movement (jiggle) of putty molecules
3rd	25	0	4,325	23.1	
4th					

c. **Add** your team's predicted next portion of the curve to the graph in Model 2.



17. A student states, "When you hit putty with a hammer, the motion of the whole hammer is transformed into the motion of putty particles."

a. Does your team agree with the student's claim?

b. Provide evidence from Model 2 to support your answer.

18. A carpenter is building a new wall. The carpenter hits a nail multiple times to drive it into the wood. When the carpenter touches the nail head to make sure it is flat against the surface of the wood, what is the carpenter most likely to say?

Explain your choice. Include ideas from Model 2 in your explanation.

a. "Wow, that nail is really bumpy."

b. "Wow, that nail is really shiny."

c. "Wow, that nail is really hot."

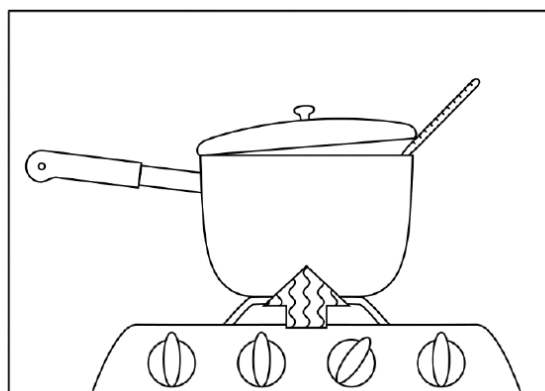
d. Wow, that nail is really cold."

Explanation:



Send spies to check your answers to questions 17 and 18 with two other teams before you continue.

Model 3 – How does changing the energy in a liquid change the motion and relative position of particles in the liquid?



Volume of water = 1 L
Mass of water = 1 kg

Key

↗ = slow movement
↘ = fast movement

Temperature of liquid water (° C)	Internal Thermal Energy (kJ)	Speed of water molecules	Spacing of water molecules
25	573		
50	678		
75	783		
100	888		

Note: The water molecules in the diagram are simplified to make it easier to analyze the speed and spacing of the particles. Each molecule is drawn as a single particle, rather than showing all the atoms that make up each molecule.

*Use the information in Model 3 to answer questions 19 – 26.
Reach agreement with your team before writing down your consensus answers.*

19. Read all the words in Model 3.

- What is the mass of 1 L of water?
- What property of molecules is represented by the length of arrows?
(Hint: Look at the details in the boxes)
- Circle the state of matter for the water shown in Model 3.

Solid

Liquid

Gas

Can't tell from the Model

20. How much **thermal energy** is contained in **1 kg** of water when it has a temperature of **50°C**? Include the correct unit.

21. Focus on the data table columns labeled **Temperature of liquid water** and **Internal Thermal Energy**. Complete the sentence below to describe how these two properties are related.

*As the **temperature of liquid water** increases, the **internal thermal energy** contained in the water...*

22. Focus on the data table columns labeled **Internal Thermal Energy** and **Speed of water molecules**. Complete the sentence below to describe how these two properties are related.

*As the **internal thermal energy** contained in liquid water increases, the **speed of the water molecules**...*

23. Focus on the data table columns labeled **Speed of water molecules** and **Spacing of water molecules**. Circle the statement that best describes how these two properties are related.

- As the speed of the water molecules increases, the molecules move **closer together**.
- As the speed of the water molecules increases, the molecules move slightly **farther apart**.
- As the speed of the water molecules increases, the molecules remain the **same distance apart**.

24. As **thermal energy is added** to liquid water, what happens to the **spacing** of water molecules?



Check your answers to questions 23 and 24 with your teacher before you continue.

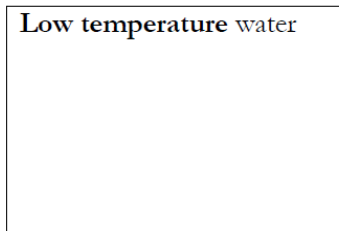
25. Use the information in Model 3 to answer the following questions.

- Add particle diagrams to complete the data table in Model 3.
- A student states, “Adding thermal energy can overcome the attraction that water molecules have for each other.”
Explain the evidence in Model 3 that supports this claim.

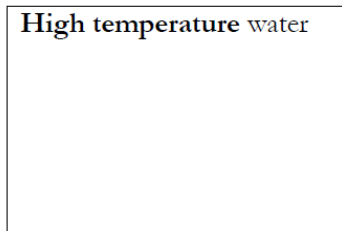


26. We use temperature to represent the amount of internal thermal energy in a substance. The **internal thermal energy** in water can be accounted for as a combination of the **energy** associated with the **motion** of water particles and the **energy** associated with the **relative positions** of those particles. Draw two diagrams to illustrate this idea. Use details from Model 3. Include six particles in each drawing.

Low temperature water



High temperature water




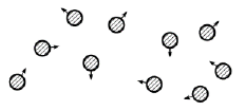
What I Still Wonder...

27. Write one additional question you have about how energy in a system can be accounted for by movement and position of objects and/or movement and relative position of particles.

Extension Questions

28. When a phone hits the ground, its KE is converted to thermal energy and mechanical energy (like bending). Explain why falling from a greater height may cause more damage to a cell phone. Include ideas about total energy and changes in types of energy in your explanation.

29. Look closely at the patterns of data in Model 3. Complete the data table below to show a reasonable estimate of the internal thermal energy, the speed of water molecules, and the spacing of water molecules when the water is cooled.

Temperature of liquid water (° C)	Internal Thermal Energy (kJ)	Speed of water molecules	Spacing of water molecules
25	573		
10			

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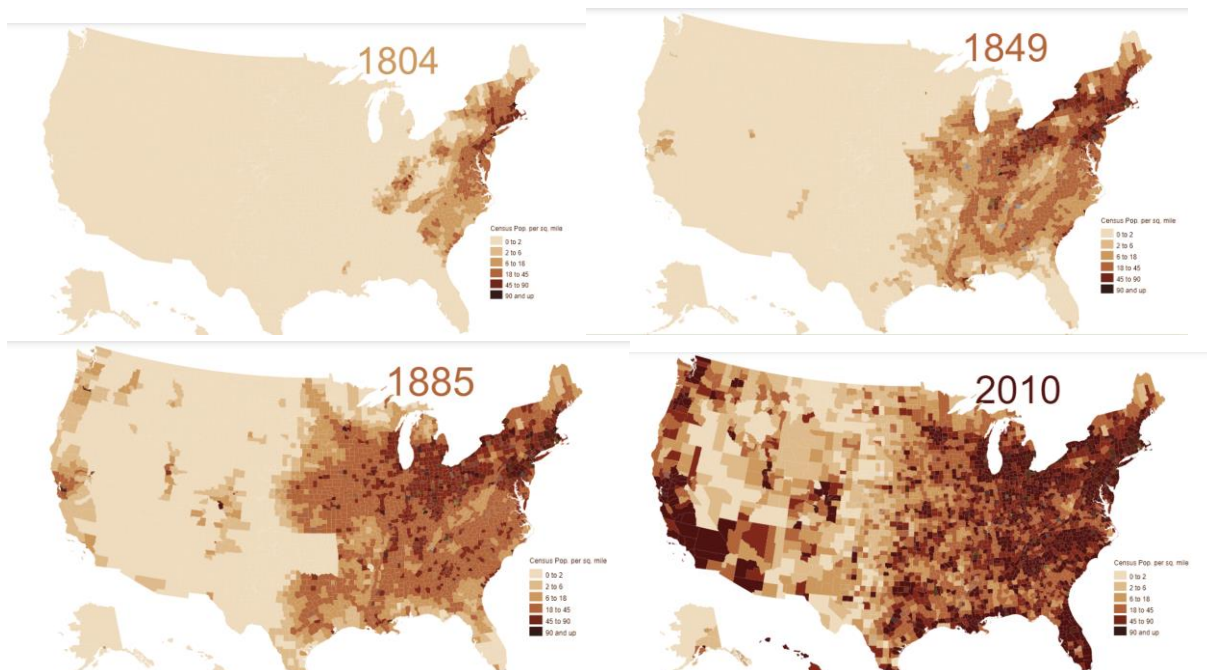
Lesson 3

Subject: The Crucial Role of Transportation in Shaping the United States

Objective: Students will understand the significant impact of transportation on the growth and development of the United States.

The Crucial Role of Transportation in Shaping the United States

What do we know about the history of transportation in the United States? The history of transportation in the United States is a fascinating journey of progress and innovation. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, the country relied heavily on waterways and canals for moving goods and people. However, the advent of the steam-powered locomotive in the mid-19th century revolutionized land travel, paving the way for the construction of extensive railway networks that connected cities and regions. As the 20th century unfolded, the automobile became increasingly popular, leading to the development of a vast network of roads and highways. The Wright brothers' first successful flight in 1903 ushered in the era of aviation, allowing people to travel long distances through the skies. Today, the United States boasts a sophisticated transportation system, incorporating trains, planes, automobiles, and even space exploration, continuing to shape the nation's progress and prosperity.



Population Growth across the United States 1804-2010

1. How did the introduction of the steam-powered engines in the mid-19th century impact transportation and expansion in the United States?

2. How did innovations like the invention of the steam power and the first successful flight by the Wright brothers contribute to the modern and sophisticated transportation system we see today?

3. In what ways are the risks associated with space travel similar to the risks encountered during the early advancements in transportation in the United States?

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – 8TH GRADE

Name: _____

8th Grade ELA

AMI Day #3

Assignment

Career Exploration

For today's assignment begin exploring your strengths and thinking about a possible career you may be interested in working in for the future. Complete the following information and then create a visual representation of the career you are most interested in pursuing at this point in your life and what you will do to prepare yourself for this career in the coming years.

My Strengths as a human being:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Skills I'm good at to help in the workforce:

- 1,
- 2,
- 3.

Subjects I'm most interested in studying now and in the future:

Now

- 1.
- 2,
- 3.

Future (High School and/or beyond)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Careers I'm interested in:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

My Top Choice for Career Today:

- 1.

Action Steps I can take now

Directions: Create a Visual Representation of this career field for yourself as a vision board for yourself in this career. What skills will you need for this career, what work habits will be important in this career? How will you dress in this career? Where will you live to pursue this career? How many hours a week will you work? What action steps will be important for you to take between now and entering into that career to be successful...create a vision board for yourself for this career and be ready to share it when you return to school. Your vision board can be created digitally or on a sheet of paper.

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COMBINING LIKE TERMS

Algebraic expressions can also be simplified by combining (adding or subtracting) terms that have the same variable(s) raised to the same powers, into one term. The skill of combining like terms is necessary for solving equations. For additional information, see the Math Notes box in Lesson 6.2.4 of the *Core Connections, Course 1* text, Lesson 4.3.2 of the *Core Connections, Course 2* text, or Lesson 2.1.3 of the *Core Connections, Course 3* text. For additional examples and practice, see the *Core Connections, Course 2* Checkpoint 7A materials.

Example 1

Combine like terms to simplify the expression $3x + 5x + 7x$.

All these terms have x as the variable, so they are combined into one term, $15x$.

Example 2

Simplify the expression $3x + 12 + 7x + 5$.

The terms with x can be combined. The terms without variables (the constants) can also be combined.

$$3x + 12 + 7x + 5$$

$$3x + 7x + 12 + 5$$

$$10x + 17$$

Note that in the simplified form the term with the variable is listed before the constant term.

Example 3

Simplify the expression $5x + 4x^2 + 10 + 2x^2 + 2x - 6 + x - 1$.

$$5x + 4x^2 + 10 + 2x^2 + 2x - 6 + x - 1$$

$$4x^2 + 2x^2 + 5x + 2x + x + 10 - 6 - 1$$

$$6x^2 + 8x + 3$$

Note that terms with the same variable but with different exponents are not combined and are listed in order of decreasing power of the variable, in simplified form, with the constant term last.

Example 4

The algebra tiles, as shown in the *Algebra Tiles and Perimeter* section, are used to model how to combine like terms.

The large square represents x^2 , the rectangle represents x , and the small square represents one. We can only combine tiles that are alike: large squares with large squares, rectangles with rectangles, and small squares with small squares. If we want to combine:

$2x^2 + 3x + 4$ and $3x^2 + 5x + 7$, visualize the tiles to help combine the like terms:

$$\begin{aligned} & 2x^2 \text{ (2 large squares)} + 3x \text{ (3 rectangles)} + 4 \text{ (4 small squares)} \\ & + 3x^2 \text{ (3 large squares)} + 5x \text{ (5 rectangles)} + 7 \text{ (7 small squares)} \end{aligned}$$

The combination of the two sets of tiles, written algebraically, is: $5x^2 + 8x + 11$.

Example 5

Sometimes it is helpful to take an expression that is written horizontally, circle the terms with their signs, and rewrite *like* terms in vertical columns before you combine them:

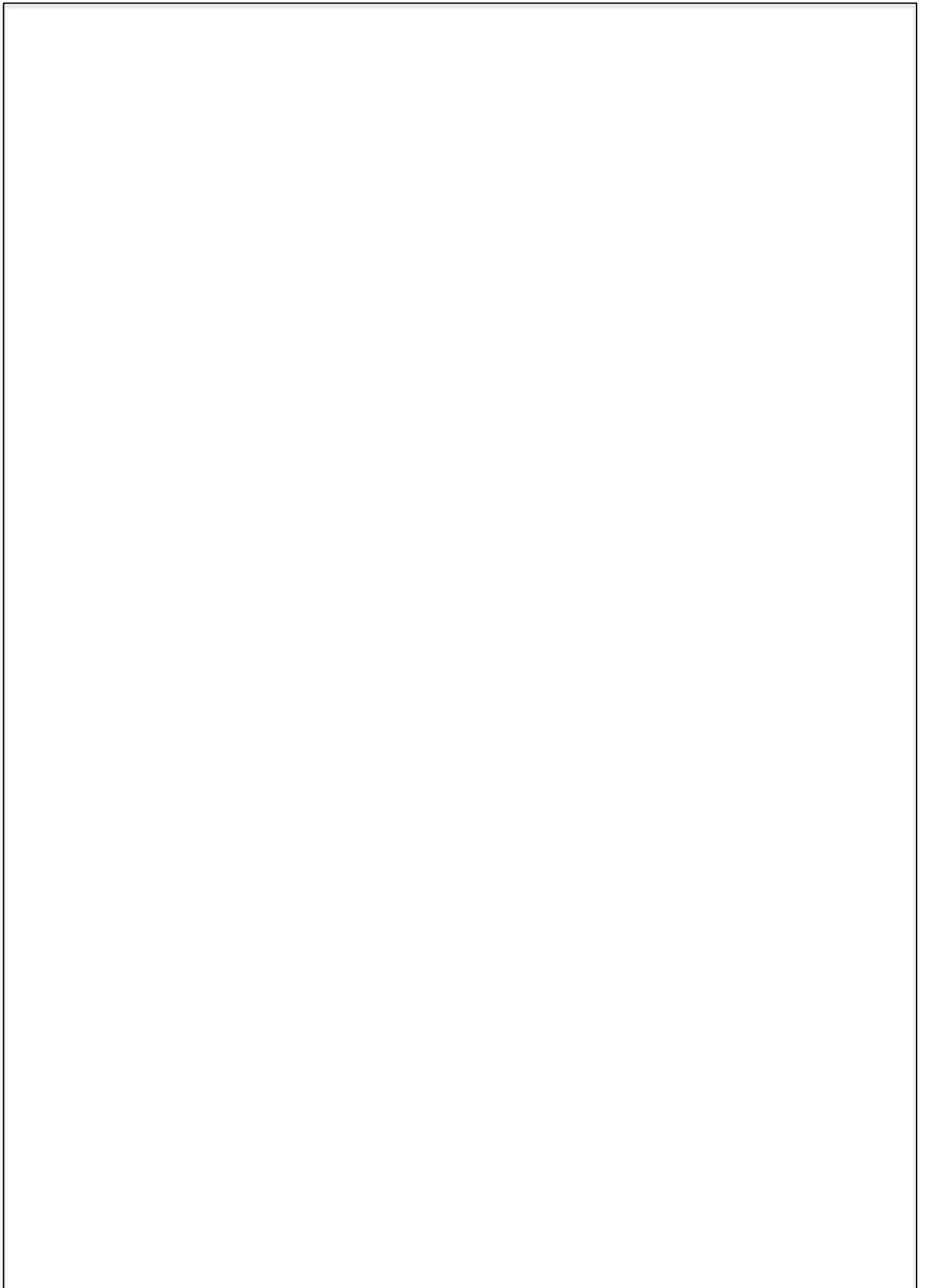
$$\begin{array}{r} (2x^2 - 5x + 6) + (3x^2 + 4x - 9) \\ \begin{array}{ccccccc} \textcircled{2x^2} & \textcircled{-5x} & \textcircled{+6} & + & \textcircled{3x^2} & \textcircled{+4x} & \textcircled{-9} \\ & 2x^2 & -5x & +6 & & & \\ & +3x^2 & +4x & -9 & & & \\ \hline & 5x^2 & -x & -3 & & & \end{array} \end{array}$$

This procedure may make it easier to identify the terms as well as the sign of each term.

Problems

Combine the following sets of terms.

- $(2x^2 + 6x + 10) + (4x^2 + 2x + 3)$
- $(3x^2 + x + 4) + (x^2 + 4x + 7)$
- $(8x^2 + 3) + (4x^2 + 5x + 4)$
- $(4x^2 + 6x + 5) - (3x^2 + 2x + 4)$
- $(4x^2 - 7x + 3) + (2x^2 - 2x - 5)$
- $(3x^2 - 7x) - (x^2 + 3x - 9)$
- $(5x + 6) + (-5x^2 + 6x - 2)$
- $2x^2 + 3x + x^2 + 4x - 3x^2 + 2$
- $3c^2 + 4c + 7x - 12 + (-4c^2) + 9 - 6x$
- $2a^2 + 3a^3 - 4a^2 + 6a + 12 - 4a + 2$



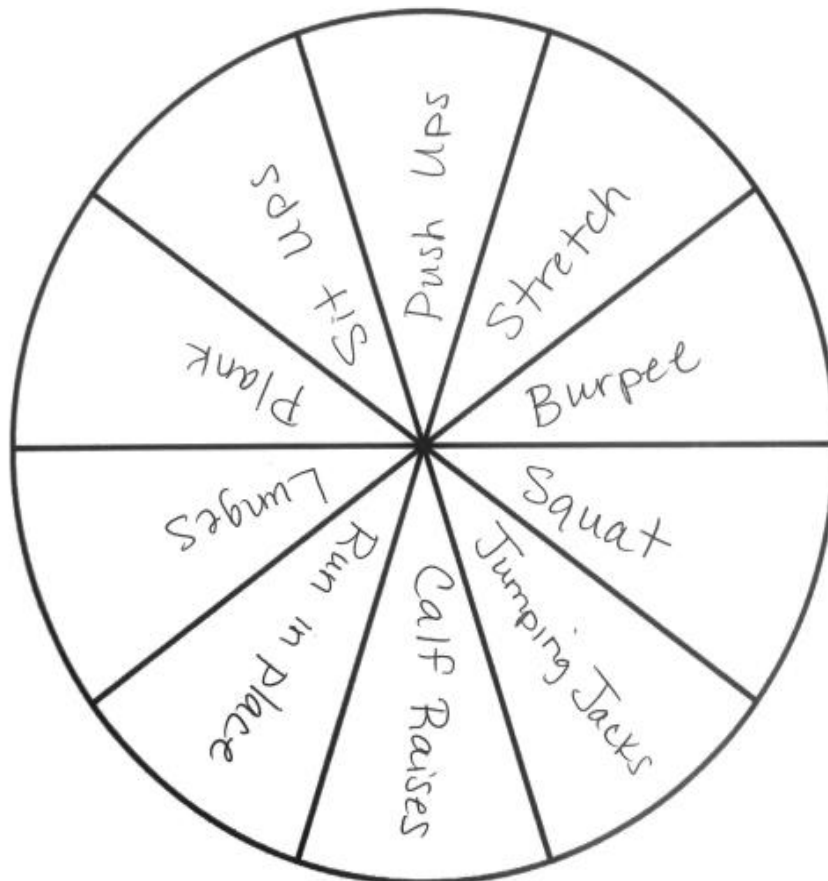
PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 8TH GRADE

Name: _____

AMI Day 3 Wheel of Fitness

Directions: Use the spinner below to complete 3 rounds of the Wheel of Fitness and take a 2-3 minute break between each round. First, use a pencil and paper clip to spin and land on an activity. Complete the activity you land on for 30 seconds. After you complete the activity spin again and complete the next activity for 30 seconds. Repeat this process 5 times to complete a round. Use the table below to record which activities you did each round.

	Round 1 Exercises	Round 2 Exercises	Round 3 Exercises
Spin 1			
Spin 2			
Spin 3			
Spin 4			
Spin 5			



READING – 8TH GRADE

Name: _____

For each AMI snow day, students should spend 20 minutes reading. Please use the space below to log your reading.

Title: _____

Format (mark one)

_____ Book

_____ Magazine

_____ eBook

_____ Other: _____

Minutes spent reading: _____

ELECTIVES – 8TH GRADE

Student Name: _____

Directions: Choose **ONE** activity from this list of options to complete for each day of AMI work. Please have an adult initial any activities that you complete for AMI days.

Art	Draw or paint a still life picture of something in your home. _____ initials _____ date	Create a short movie about what you like to do on a snow day _____ Initials _____ date
Music	Practice your band instrument. _____ initials _____ date	Listen to your favorite song and sing along, or . . . Compose an original song. _____ Initials _____ date
Industrial Tech PLTW EbD	Repair something in your home, or . . . Build a fort, either inside your home or with snow outside. _____ initials _____ date	Create a Rube Goldberg machine, or . . . Build a bridge out of something in your home. _____ Initials _____ date
Drama	Act our or record a skit with a family member or friend. _____ initials _____ date	Watch a comedy movie or musical. _____ Initials _____ date
Family and Consumer Science	Ask your adults about budgeting tips. _____ initials _____ date	Make yourself a snack using or creating a recipe. _____ Initials _____ date
World Language / Cultures	Find something in your home from another country and write or tell someone about it. _____ initials _____ date	List your favorite holiday traditions and ask family members or acquaintances about their origins. _____ Initials _____ date