

## Angle of Impact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Learning Target:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_

5. I will calculate the angle of impact and point of origin for blood spatter.

### Procedures:

1. Complete the fill-in-the-blank section below and then use the directions to calculate the angle of impact for the problems below (Use the following [PDF](#) for assistance).

### Fill-in-the-blank:

**Highlight the \_\_\_\_\_ and type your answer!**

When blood comes into contact with another surface, it adheres or \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

Point of impact may appear \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ compared to the rest of the drop of blood spatter.

\_\_\_\_\_ - keeps blood moving in the direction it was traveling.

As a droplet moves \_\_\_\_\_ from the source, it \_\_\_\_\_ and may produce a thinner, \_\_\_\_\_ - like appearance.

The \_\_\_\_\_ points in the direction of the blood's movement.

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ drops may appear in the \_\_\_\_\_ direction of a moving droplet of blood.

### Angle of Impact:

When an investigator accurately measures the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of a bloodstain, the impact can be calculated by using the \_\_\_\_\_ formula below.

Angle of Impact = Inverse Sin of the Width divided by the Length

$$AOI = \sin^{-1} W/L$$

**Example:** If the Length of a blood droplet is 5.9 cm and the width is 2.6 cm, then to calculate the AOI, you would take the inverse Sin of 2.6 / 5.9.

$$AOI = \sin^{-1} 2.6 / 5.9 = 26.2^{\circ}$$

\*Make sure your calculator is in DEGREES\*

### Your Turn!

Length of Blood Droplet	Width of Blood Droplet	AOI
2.8 cm	2.1 cm	48.6°
7.2 cm	7.1 cm	
0.5 cm	0.3 cm	
5.4 cm	2.2 cm	
4.4 cm	3.9 cm	

7.4 cm	6.4 cm	
8.1 cm	2.1 cm	
3.2 cm	2.9 cm	
6.2 cm	3.8 cm	
3.1 cm	3.1 cm	

Conclusion Questions:

- What shape does blood have in flight?
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- When measuring angles of blood droplets, those angles are \_\_\_\_\_ (acute or obtuse).
- When blood strikes a surface from a perpendicular angle, the stain will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Blood that strikes a surface at less than  $90^\circ$  will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the table below, draw the approximate shapes of blood droplets dropped at the corresponding angles:

$10^\circ$	$30^\circ$	$45^\circ$	$90^\circ$

- When blood strikes a surface from a sharp angle, there are sometimes secondary splashes. What are they called?
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- What component of the blood spatter indicates the direction of spray?
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- What type of math do we use to calculate AOI?
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