Skater on a Halfpipe

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Essential Question - What happens to the height of a skateboard on a halfpipe over time?

Initial Thoughts -

Going Up One Side	Distance
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Model

Notes

Questions

- 1. What is the law of conservation of energy?
- 2. What is potential energy?
- 3. What is kinetic energy?
- 4. What is the total energy of the system?
- 5. What is friction?

Analysis

- 1. What happens to the height of the skater over time?
- 2. Where does the skater have the most potential energy?
- 3. Where does the skater have the most kinetic energy?
- 4. Why wouldn't the skater go higher up each time it travels up a side?