

FOSS ELECTRONICS

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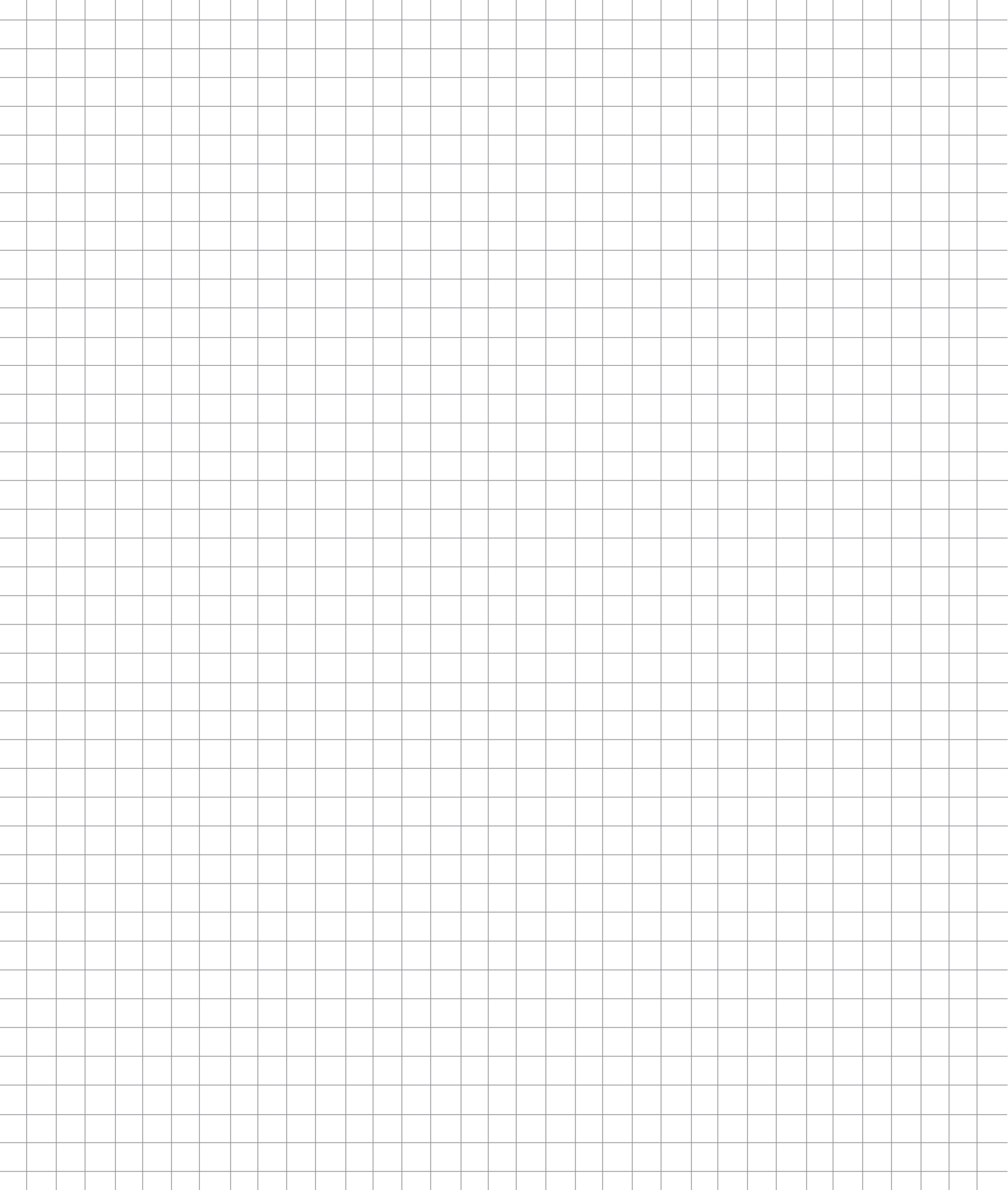
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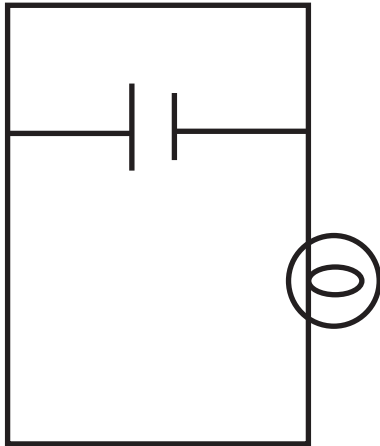
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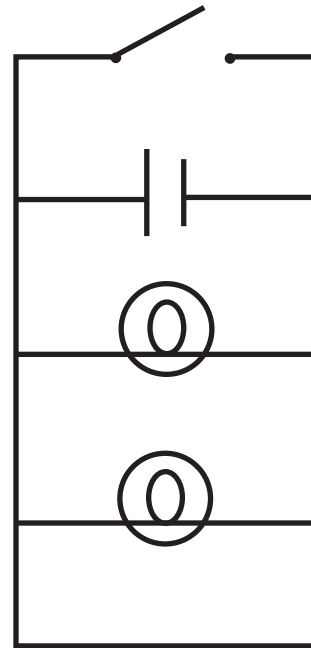


FINDING SHORT CIRCUITS

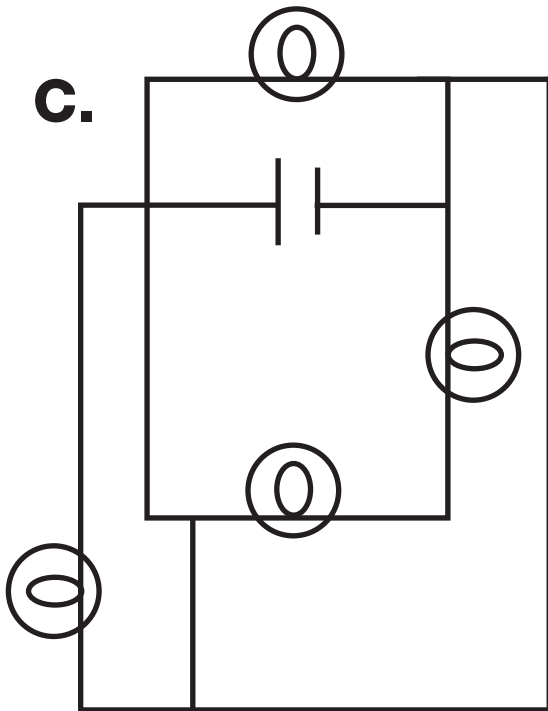
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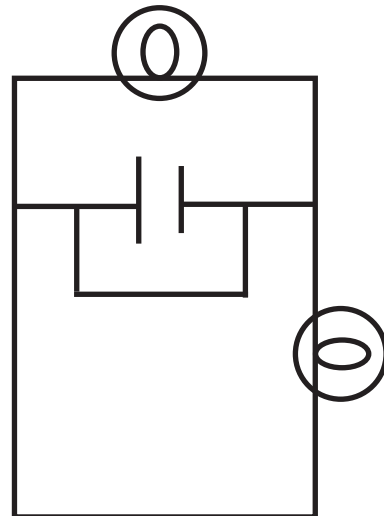
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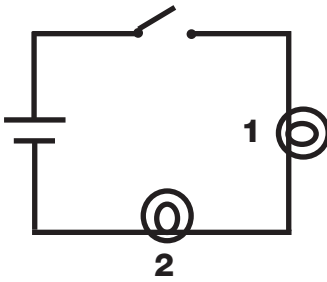
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SERIES AND PARALLEL SCHEMATICS

- Set up the circuits shown in the schematics.
- Label the positive and negative battery terminals.
- Draw arrows to show the path taken by the electricity.

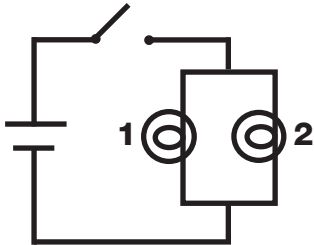
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a. Schematic 1 shows a _____ circuit.

b. Predict whether the lamps will be bright or dim.

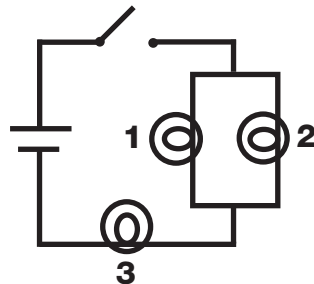
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a. Schematic 2 shows a _____ circuit.

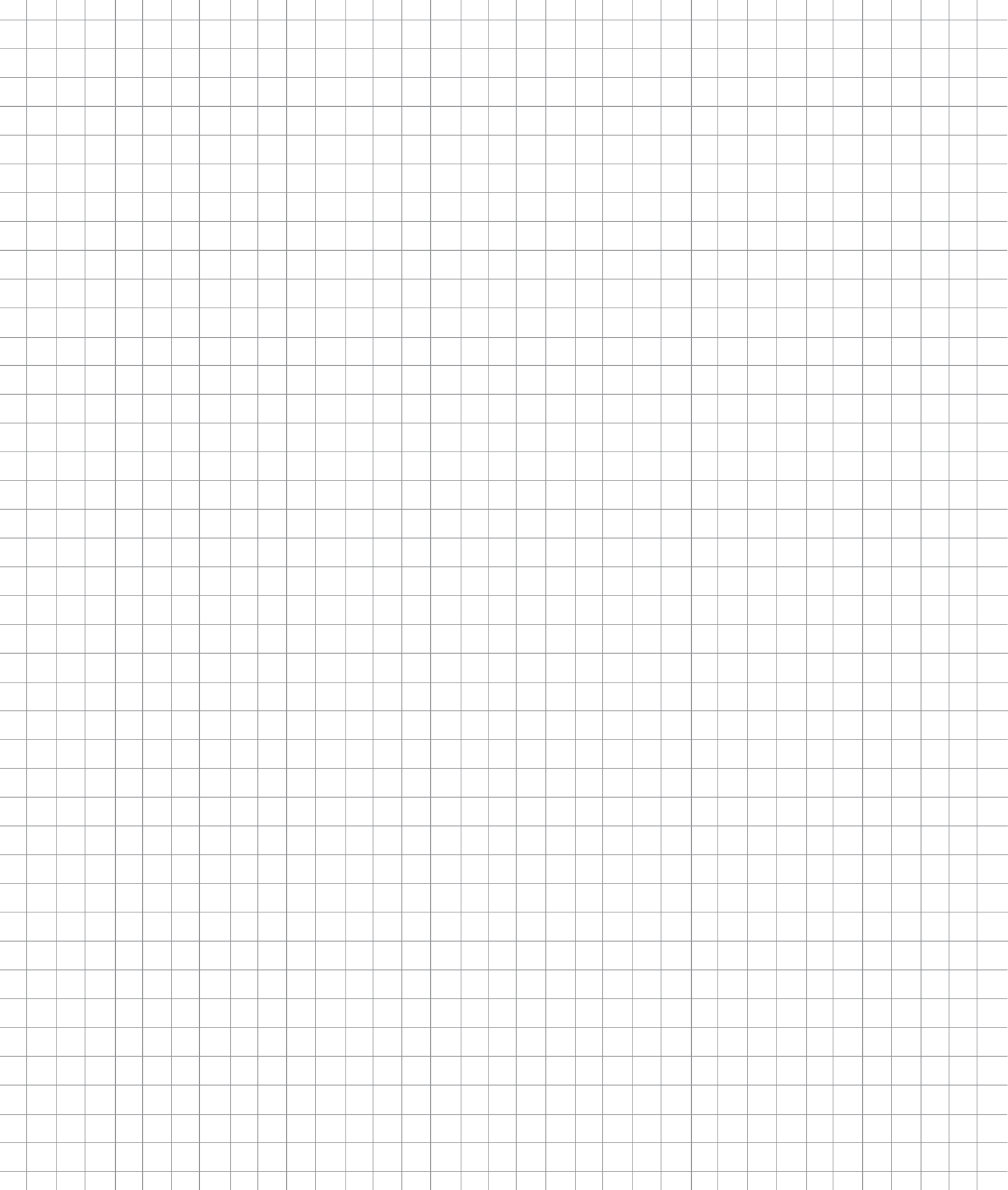
b. Predict whether the lamps will be bright or dim.

3.



a. Schematic 3 shows a _____ circuit.

b. Predict whether the lamps will be bright or dim.

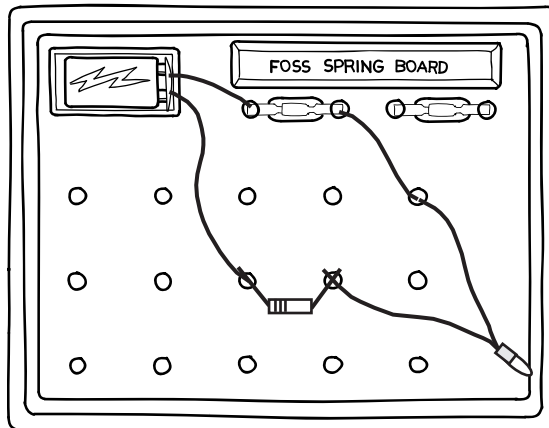


RESISTOR INVESTIGATION

1. Find four resistors in your component kit with the following colored bands:

- brown/black/red
- violet/green/black
- brown/green/brown
- orange/orange/brown

2. Set up the circuit pictured to the right.



3. Put the resistors into the circuit one at a time and close the switch. Observe the intensity of the light from the bulb.

4. List the resistors in order from brightest light to dimmest light.

	Resistor	Rated ohms	Measured ohms
brightest	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
dimmest	_____	_____	_____

5. Decode the color bands and write the value of each resistor under "Rated ohms."

Mystery Resistors

Decode these six mystery resistors to discover their resistance. Remember to include the units with your answers.

red/green/brown _____

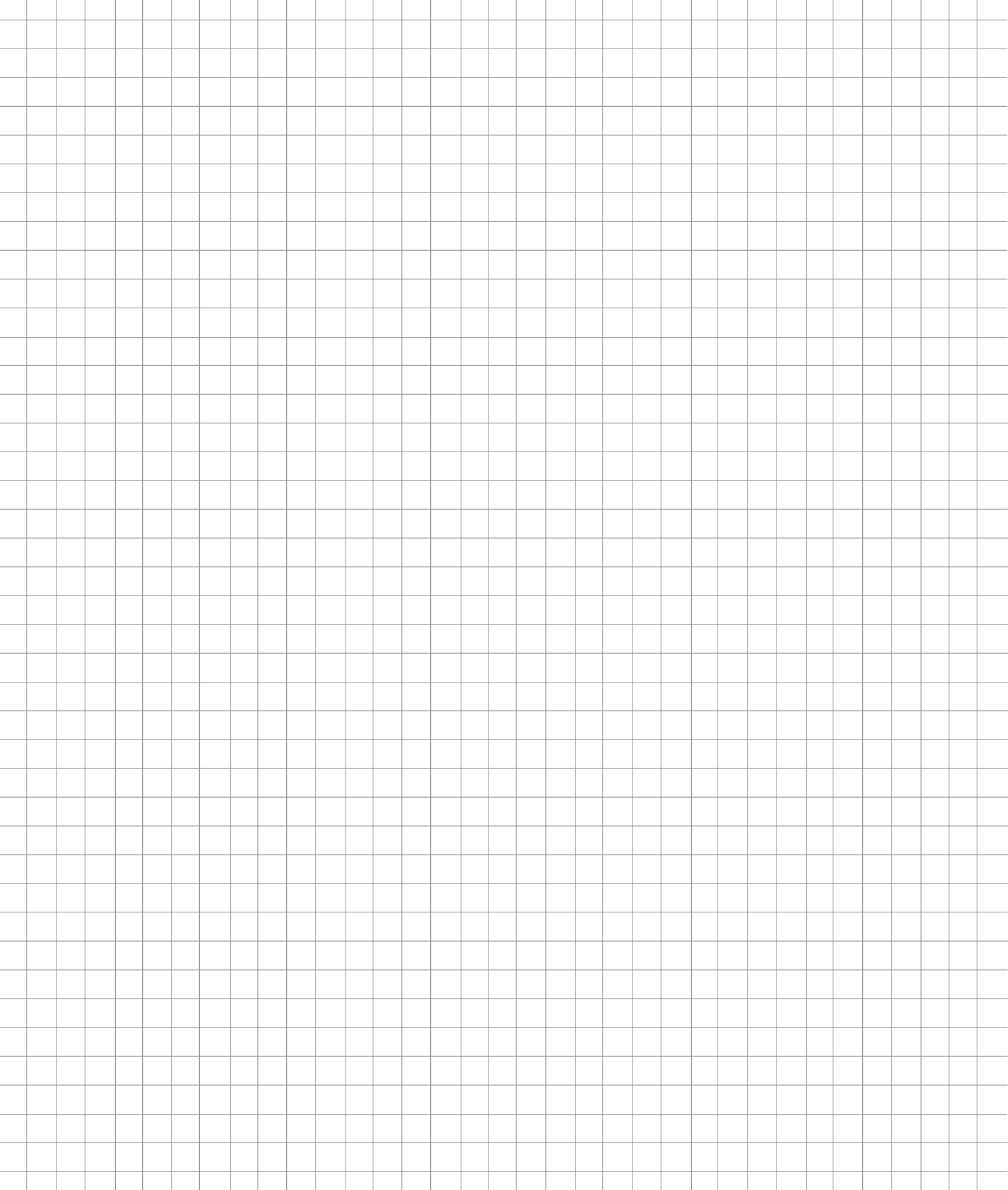
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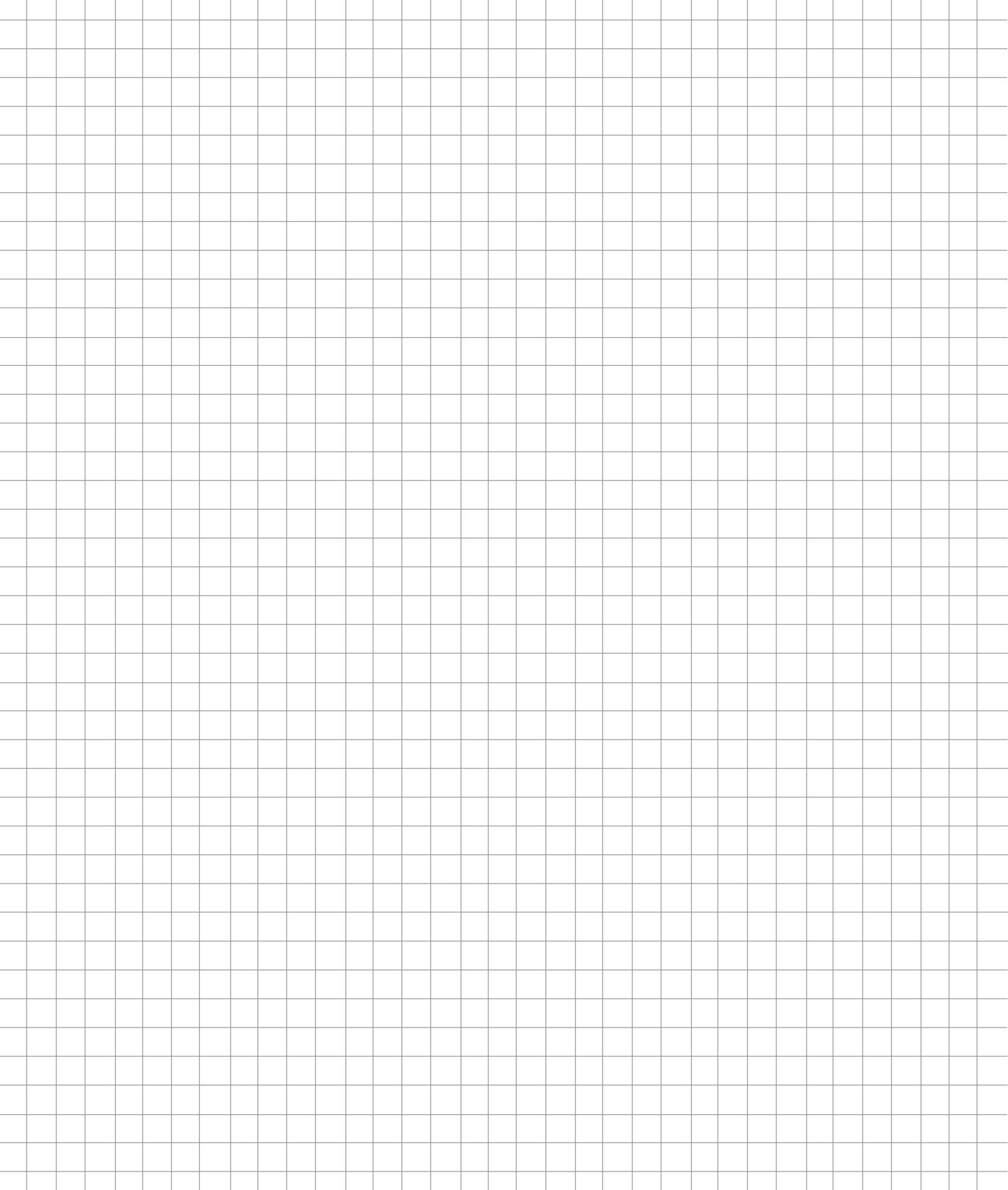
yellow/blue/green _____

black/orange/black _____

violet/black/red _____

brown/red/orange _____

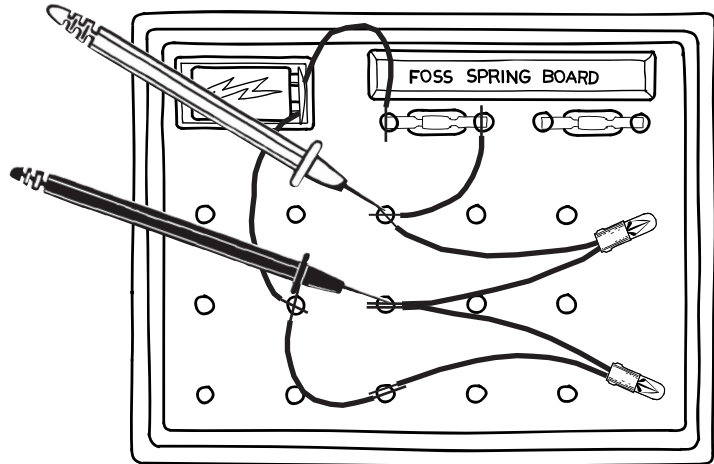




MEASURING VOLTAGE DROPS IN FOUR CIRCUITS

Materials

- 1 Digital multimeter
- 1 Spring board and battery
- 1 150- Ω resistor
- 2 Lamps



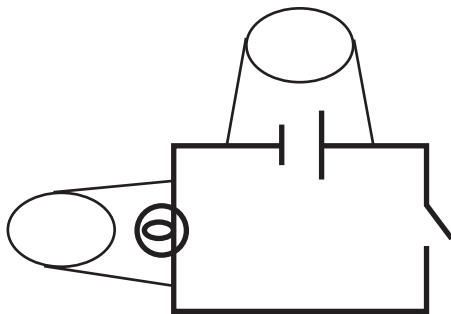
Investigation

Set up circuits A–D and measure the voltage drop across each component.

- A. A switch and one lamp in series.
- B. A switch, resistor, and one lamp in series.
- C. A switch, resistor, and two lamps in series.
- D. A switch and resistor in series with two lamps that are in parallel.

Draw schematics of the circuits and record the voltages of the components, using the method illustrated below—the voltage reading is written in an oval and the lines to the circuit show where the probes were placed.

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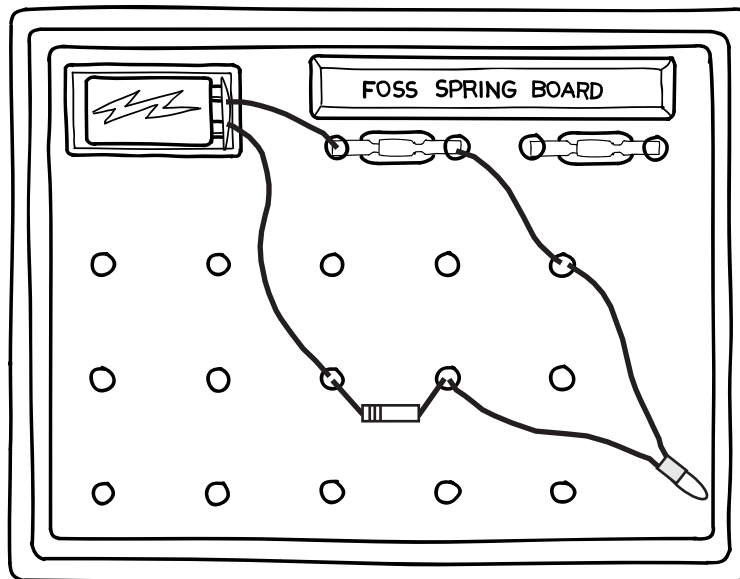
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RESISTOR/VOLTAGE INVESTIGATION

1. Copy your *Resistor Investigation* data (see page 7) into the resistance and lamp-brightness columns below.
2. Set up the resistance investigation circuit (see below).
3. Use a voltmeter to gather the voltage-drop data to complete the table.

1	2	3	4	5
Resistor Code	Resistance (ohms)	Lamp brightness	Lamp voltage drop	Resistor voltage drop
bl/bl/bl				
v/gr/bl				
br/gr/br				
or/or/br				
br/bl/r				



Resistance investigation circuit

PERCENTAGE OF RESISTANCE AND VOLTAGE

Materials

- 1 Spring board with battery
- 1 Digital multimeter
- 3 1000-Ω resistors

Investigation

When you have three resistors in a circuit, what share of the voltage drop does each resistor cause? Follow this procedure to find out.

1. Set up a circuit with three 1000-Ω resistors in series. Measure and record the voltage drop across each resistor.
2. Calculate the percentage of resistance imposed by each of the 1000-Ω resistors.
 - Add up the total resistance in the circuit. The total resistance in the circuit with three 1000-Ω resistors is 3000 Ω. In this circuit 3000 Ω is 100% of the resistance.
 - Calculate the percentage of resistance caused by each resistor.

$$\frac{1000 \Omega}{3000 \Omega} \approx 0.333 \approx 33.3\% \text{ of the resistance in the circuit}$$

3. Calculate the percentage of voltage drop contributed by each 1000-Ω resistor.
 - Measure the total voltage drop in the circuit. For example, if you put all three resistors in series and measure an 8-V drop across all three, then 8 V is 100% of the voltage drop in the circuit.
 - Calculate the percentage of the voltage drop caused by each resistor. In this example, the first 1000-Ω resistor dropped 2.7 V.

$$\frac{2.7 \text{ V}}{8 \text{ V}} \approx 0.333 \approx 33.3\%$$

4. Fill in the chart below with your voltage data and percentages.

	Resistor	% of resistance	Voltage drop	% of voltage drop
	R_1 (1000 Ω)	33.3		
	R_2 (1000 Ω)	33.3		
	R_3 (1000 Ω)	33.3		
Totals	3000 Ω	~100		

RESISTANCE AND VOLTAGE WITH SIX RESISTORS

Materials

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Spring board with battery | 1 330- Ω resistor |
| 1 Multimeter | 1 150- Ω resistor |
| 3 1000- Ω resistors | 1 75- Ω resistor |

Part 1: A toy company was planning to make a playhouse with several lights that glowed with different intensities. One of the toy makers had heard that there was a relationship between the amount of resistance imposed by a lamp and the amount of voltage it dropped. She decided to work with six resistors in series to figure out what share of the voltage each resistor will drop.

Can you guess which resistor will drop the largest percentage of the voltage? The smallest?

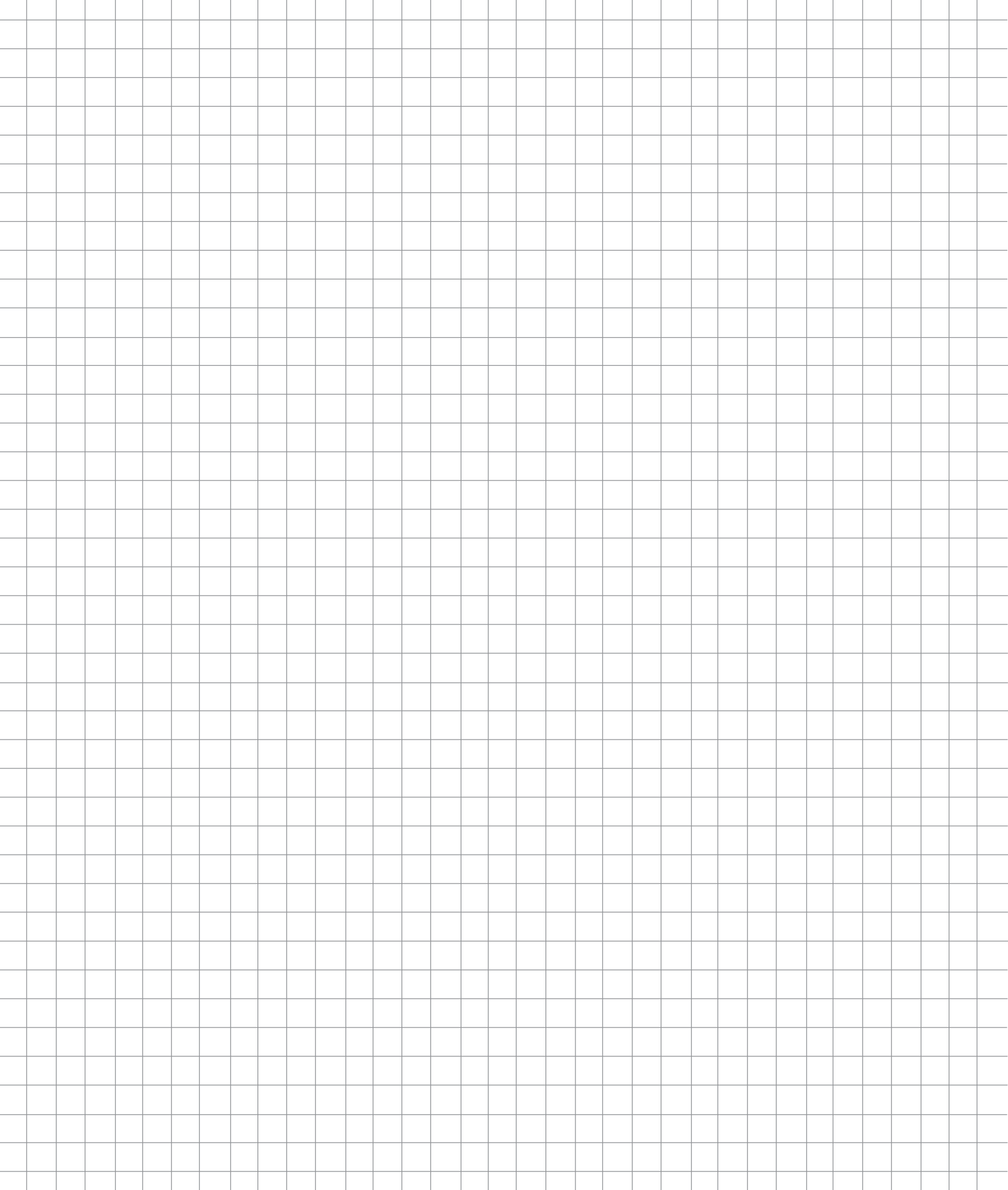
Largest _____ Smallest _____

Part 2: Conduct this investigation to answer the question below.

- Set up one circuit with *all six* resistors in series.
- Write the values of the six resistors in the "Resistance of the resistor" column in the table below. Calculate the total resistance in the circuit and record it in the table.
- Calculate the percentage of resistance imposed by each resistor and record the percentages in the "% of total resistance" column in the table.
- Measure and record the voltage drop across each resistor in the "Voltage drop" column.
- Calculate the percentage of voltage drop used by each resistor and write the percentage in the "% of total voltage drop" column.

	Resistance of the resistor	% of total resistance	Voltage drop	% of total voltage drop
Total				

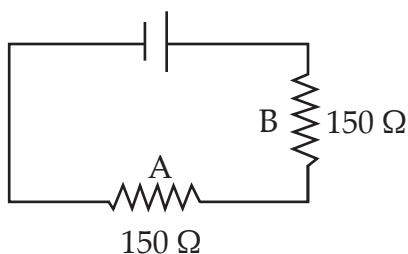
What is the relationship between resistance and voltage drop?



HOW DO RESISTORS DIVIDE VOLTAGE?

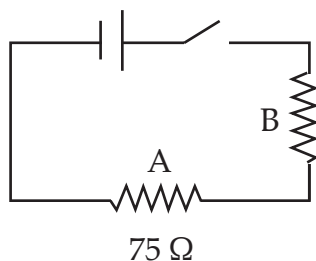
1. Study each of the four circuits.
2. Fill in the data tables with the information provided in the schematic.
3. Use the great truths of circuitry to fill in the rest of the data and answer the questions.

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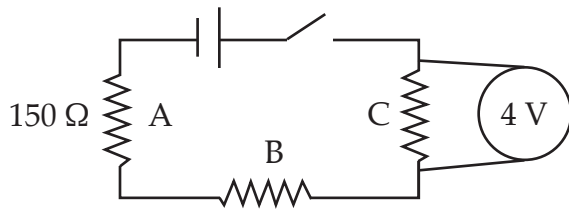
	Resistance		Voltage	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
A	150 Ω	50		
B	150 Ω	50		
Total	300 Ω	100	9 V	

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	Resistance		Voltage	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
A	75 Ω		3 V	
B				
Total	225 Ω			

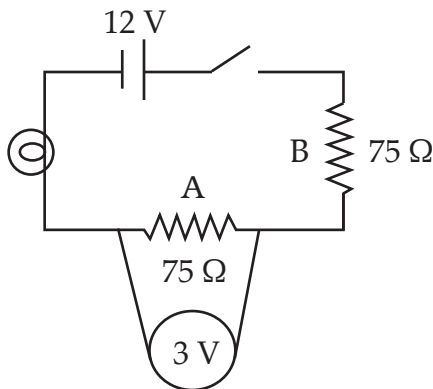
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	Resistance		Voltage	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
A				
B		25%		
C				50%
Total				

What can you say about the percentage of resistance contributed by a resistor and the percentage of voltage drop caused by that resistor? _____

4. Lamps have very little resistance when there is no electricity flowing through them. They have more resistance when they are producing light. Because we cannot use our ohmmeter to measure resistance while electricity is flowing through the circuit, we need to find other ways to discover the resistance of lamps.



	Resistance		Voltage	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
A				25%
B				
Lamp				
Total				

I know that the lightbulb contributes _____ % of the resistance in a circuit.

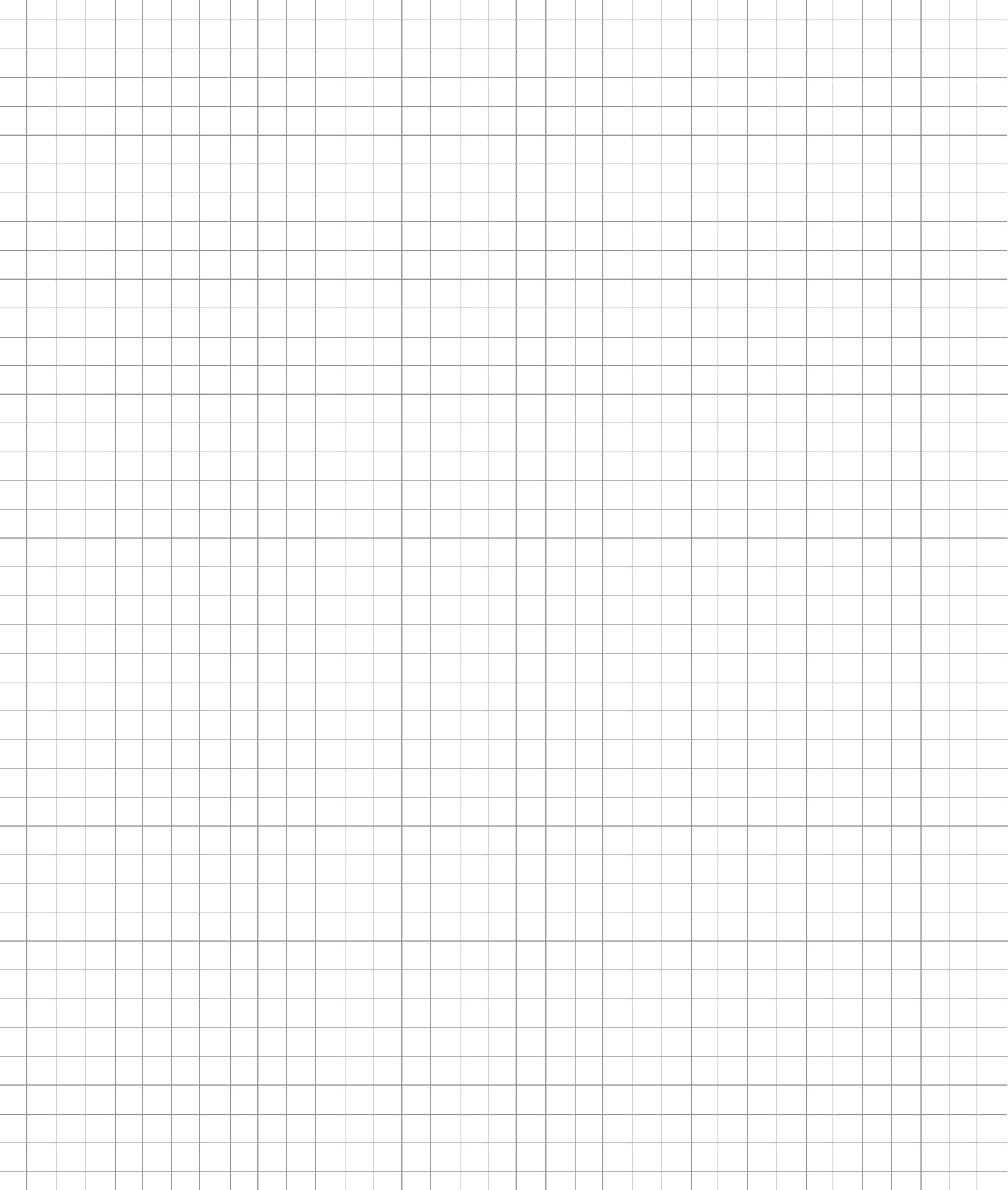
Therefore the actual resistance of the lamp in the circuit is _____.

ELECTRONIC-DEVICE COMPONENT INVENTORY

Our device is a _____.

1. Use the *Electronic Component ID Guide* to identify the components.
2. Inventory (count) the components of each kind.
3. Record the number of each kind of component in the spaces below.
4. Draw little pictures to show what a typical component looks like (optional).
5. Draw pictures of mystery components on the back of this page.

<p>Resistors</p>	<p>Capacitors</p>
<p>Diodes and LEDs</p>	<p>Transistors</p>
<p>Switches</p>	<p>Integrated circuits</p>
<p>Potentiometers and transformers</p>	<p>Other components</p>



TELEVISION FOCUS QUESTIONS

Television: Window to the World

1. What were the two competing methods of producing television signals? Which one succeeded?

2. Who were the inventors of television?

3. What was RCA, and for what primary purpose was it established?

4. Who was awarded the first patent for television, and what was the decision based on?

5. What was the theme of the 1939 World's Fair, and what products were introduced?

6. Why did most people get their first glimpse of television on a bar stool or a sidewalk?

7. What did Mr. Muntz do for television?

8. Why was the 1947 World Series important to the commercial spread of television?

9. What other electronic devices had as significant an impact on American life in the 20th century as television? Discuss one.

CALCULATING RESISTORS IN SERIES

Part 1: Determining Resistance

1. Make up four different resistors between 0 Ω and 1000 Ω .
2. Record them on the "rated resistance" lines. Arrange them from lowest to highest resistance.
3. Write their color codes on the pictures of the resistors.
4. Record the total resistance of the series between the two letters indicated.

Color code	Rated resistance	Total resistance
	_____	from A to B _____
	_____	from A to C _____
	_____	from A to D _____
	_____	from A to E _____

Part 2: Resistors in Series

Determine the total resistance between points X and Y. Do it in your head, then check with a calculator.

1. X \ominus $150\ \Omega$ \ominus $330\ \Omega$ \ominus Y Resistance equals _____
2. X \ominus $510\ \Omega$ \ominus $1000\ \Omega$ \ominus Y Resistance equals _____
3. X \ominus $150\ \Omega$ \ominus $510\ \Omega$ \ominus $1000\ \Omega$ \ominus Y Resistance equals _____
4. X \ominus $330\ \Omega$ \ominus $150\ \Omega$ \ominus $1000\ \Omega$ \ominus Y Resistance equals _____

Part 3: Explain how you determined the total resistances.

RESISTORS IN PARALLEL

The total resistance of resistors in parallel is calculated using the formula

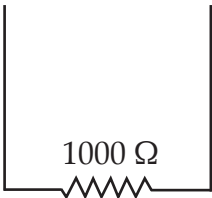
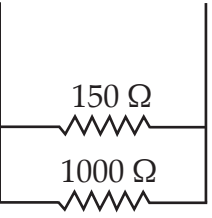
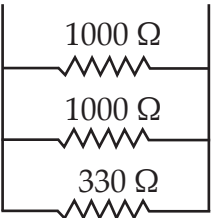
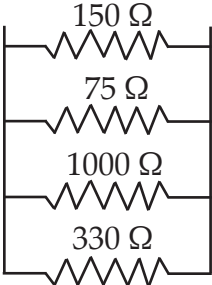
$$\frac{1}{R_t} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_n},$$

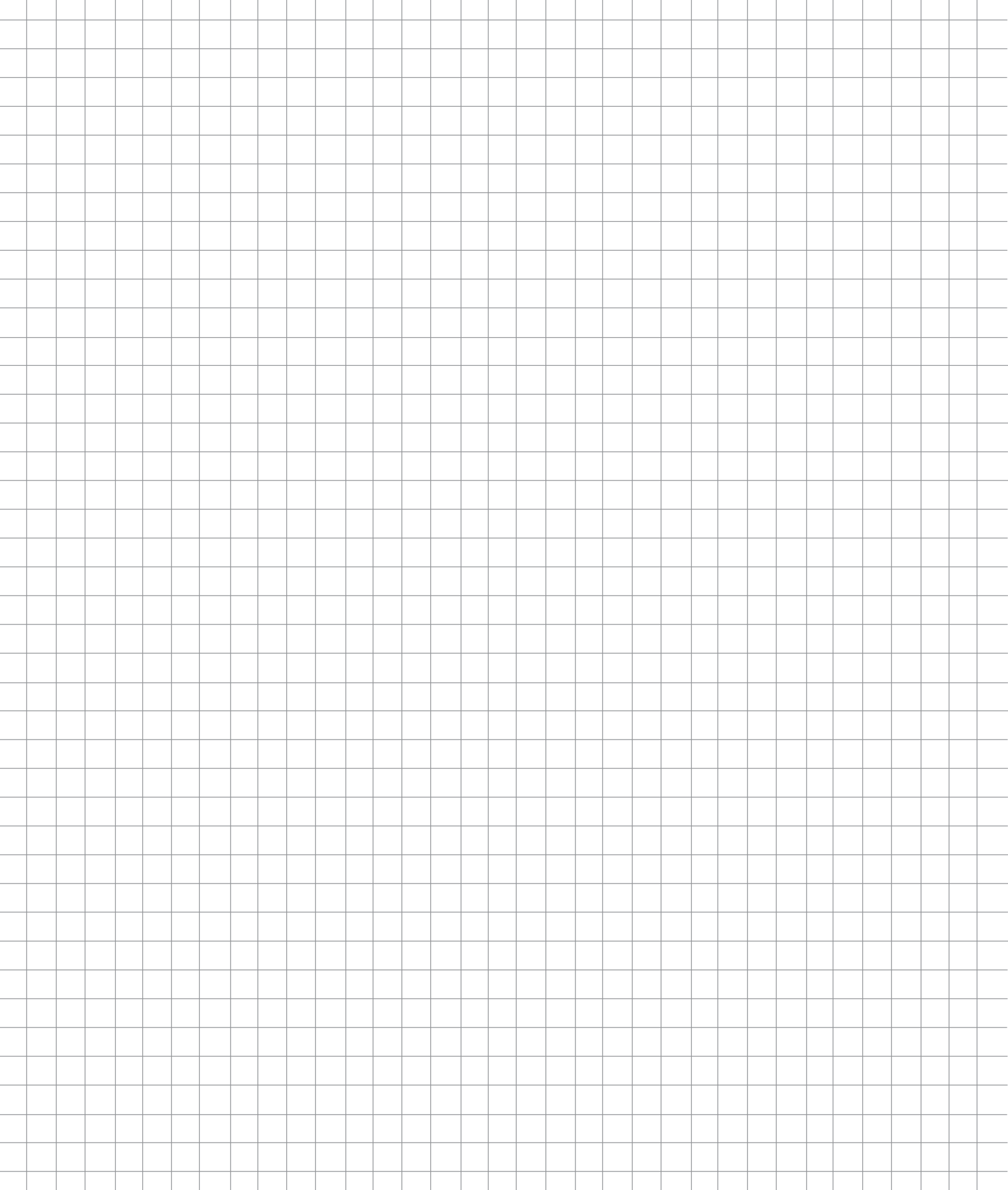
where R_t = the total resistance

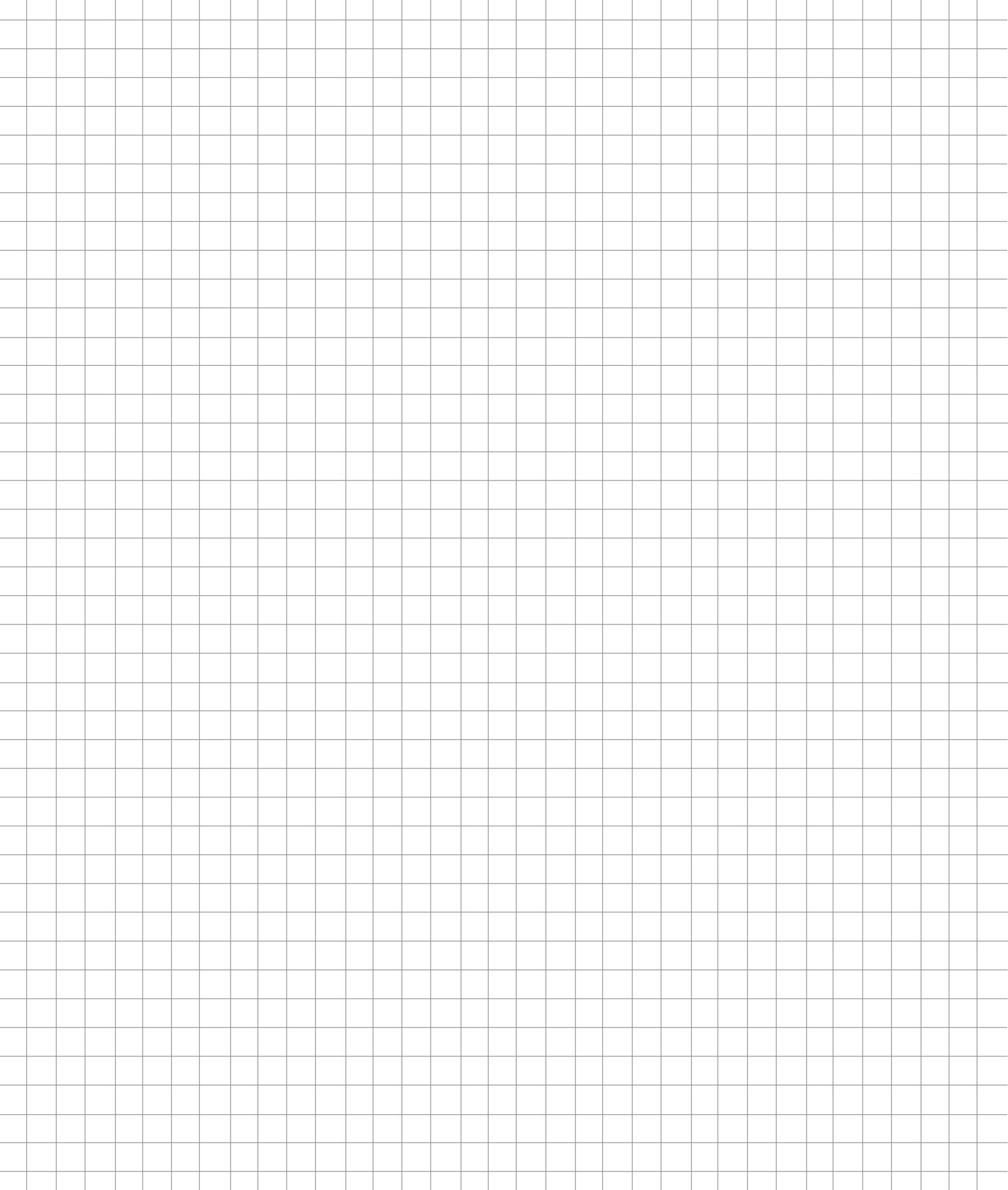
R_1 = the first resistor

R_2 = the second resistor

R_n = the last resistor

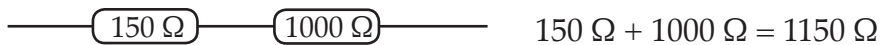
	Estimated resistance _____
	Calculated resistance _____
	Measured resistance _____
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	Estimated resistance _____
	Calculated resistance _____
	Measured resistance _____



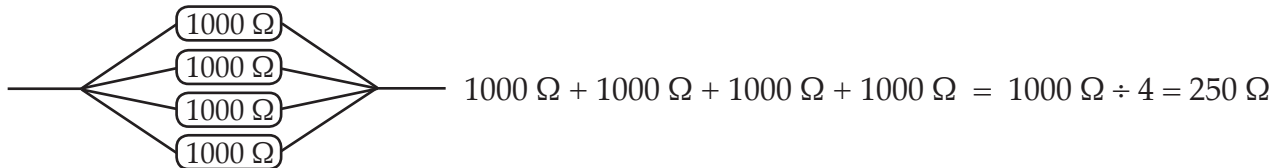


MAKING NEW RESISTORS

Making larger resistors is pretty easy; just put two resistors in series and they add together.



Making smaller resistors is a little trickier. If the resistors are all the same value, you can put any number in parallel and divide the value of *one* resistor by the number of resistors in the set.



If you have a collection of resistors of different values in parallel, you need to use the equation for calculating resistance in parallel.

$$\frac{1}{R_t} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_n},$$

The way to approach the problem is to estimate what resistors would combine in parallel to provide the required total resistance, plug them into the formula, and calculate. If the answer comes out right on or quite close to the desired resistance, you have succeeded.

Remember: The total resistance of a set of resistors in parallel will *always* be less than the smallest resistor in the set.

You have this set of resistors available to solve the problems below.

3 1000 Ω	1 500 Ω	1 330 Ω	1 200 Ω	3 150 Ω	2 100 Ω	1 75 Ω
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1. Make a 850-Ω resistor.
2. Make a 4000-Ω resistor.
3. Make a 2925-Ω resistor.
4. Make a 50-Ω resistor.
5. Make a 125-Ω resistor.
6. Make a 111-Ω resistor.
7. Make a 37.5-Ω resistor.
8. Make a 2143-Ω resistor.

DAY AND NIGHT LIGHT

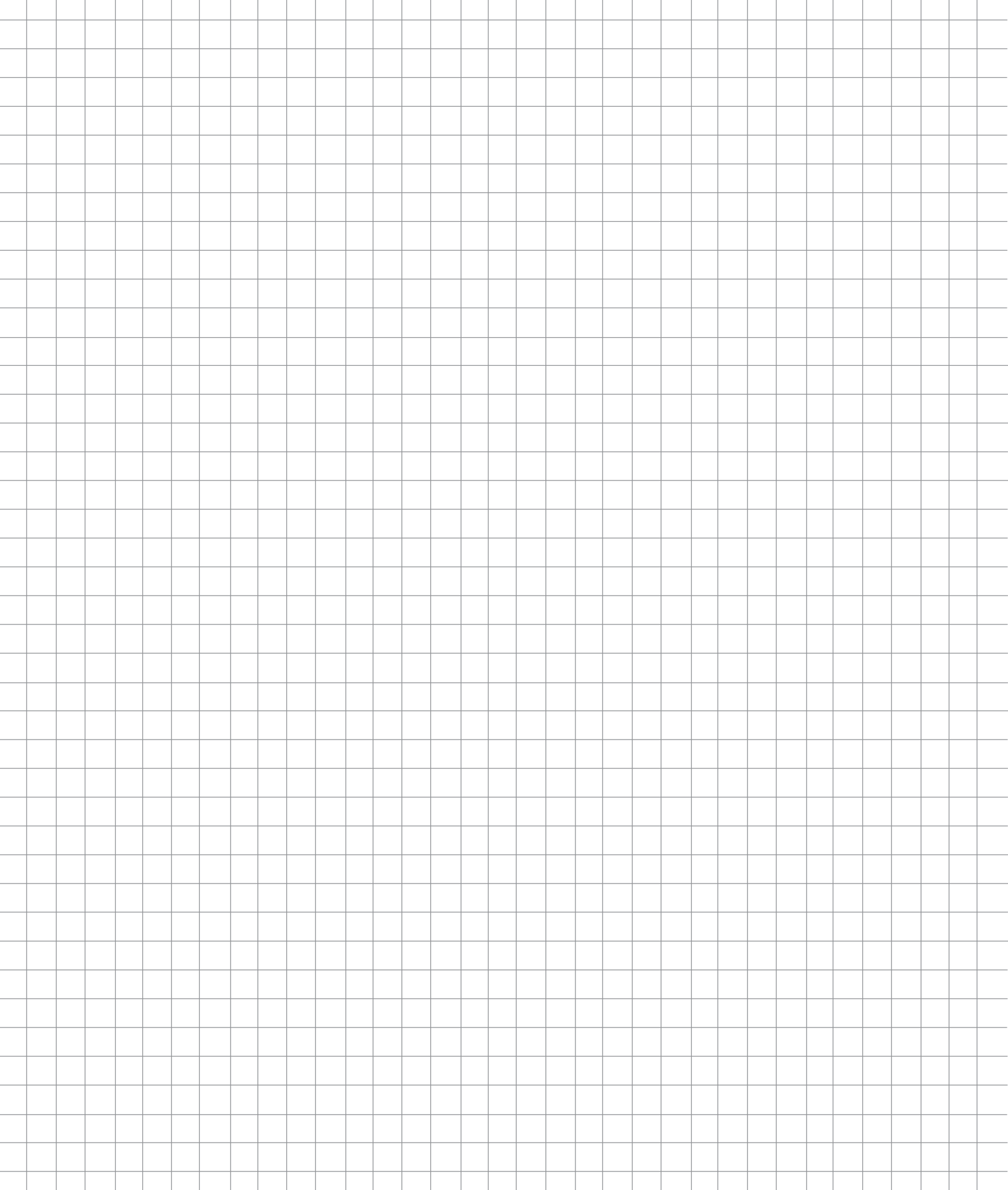
Ms. Waters had a fine aquarium with fancy tropical fish from around the world. She had fitted the aquarium with a light that illuminated the tank brightly during the day. The setup had a switch to turn the light on and off, but she didn't really want to turn the light off at night—she wanted to be able to dim the light to half its brightness during the night.

She called her friend at the electronics store and described what she wanted to do. After thinking about it for a few minutes, her friend concluded that Ms. Waters needed to put 80–85 Ω of resistance in series with the lamp to cut its brightness in half.

Ms. Waters went to her electronics supply kit to see if she had an 80–85- Ω resistor, but she didn't. What she found in her resistor drawer was

1 1000 Ω	1 510 Ω	2 330 Ω	3 250 Ω	1 180 Ω	2 100 Ω	2 50 Ω
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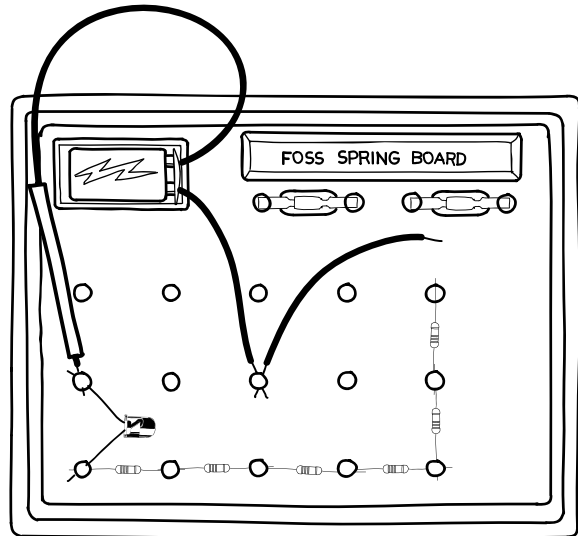
- How can Ms. Waters solve her problem? Can you help her figure out how to use resistors from her kit to get 80–85 Ω of resistance in the circuit with her lamp? Show your work.
- Draw a schematic showing how Ms. Waters might rewire her aquarium, so that the switch will change the light from full brightness to half brightness. (Hint: Think about how a short circuit works.)



RESISTORS IN SERIES WITH LEDs AND LAMPS

Part 1: Voltage Drops across an LED in Series with Resistors

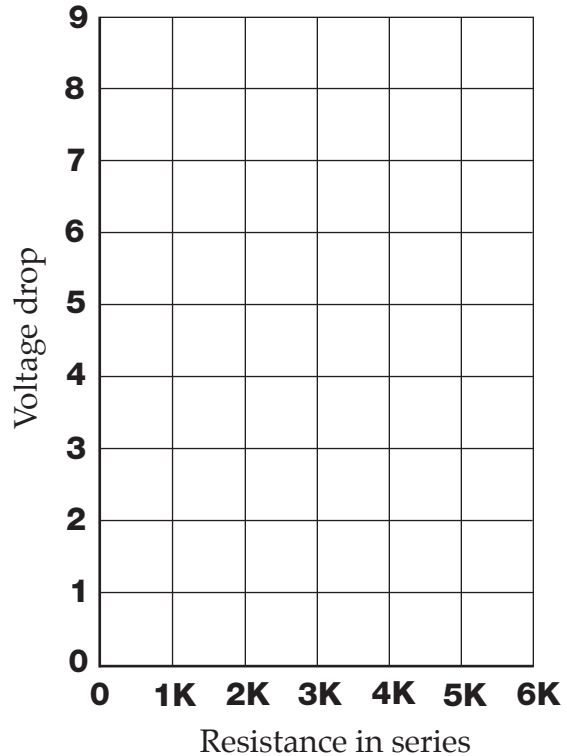
Set up the circuit with six 1000-Ω resistors, as shown in the picture to the right. Measure the voltage drops across the LED when one 1000-Ω resistor, two 1000-Ω resistors, and so on are in series with the LED and the guardian resistor. Also measure the voltage drop across the LED when only the guardian is in series with the LED. Record the voltage drops in the table below.



Part 2: Voltage Drops across a Lamp in Series with Resistors

Replace the LED with a lamp. Repeat the investigation and record the voltage drops in the table.

Resistance in series	Voltage drop across the LED	Voltage drop across the lamp
6075 Ω		
5075 Ω		
4075 Ω		
3075 Ω		
2075 Ω		
1075 Ω		
75 Ω		

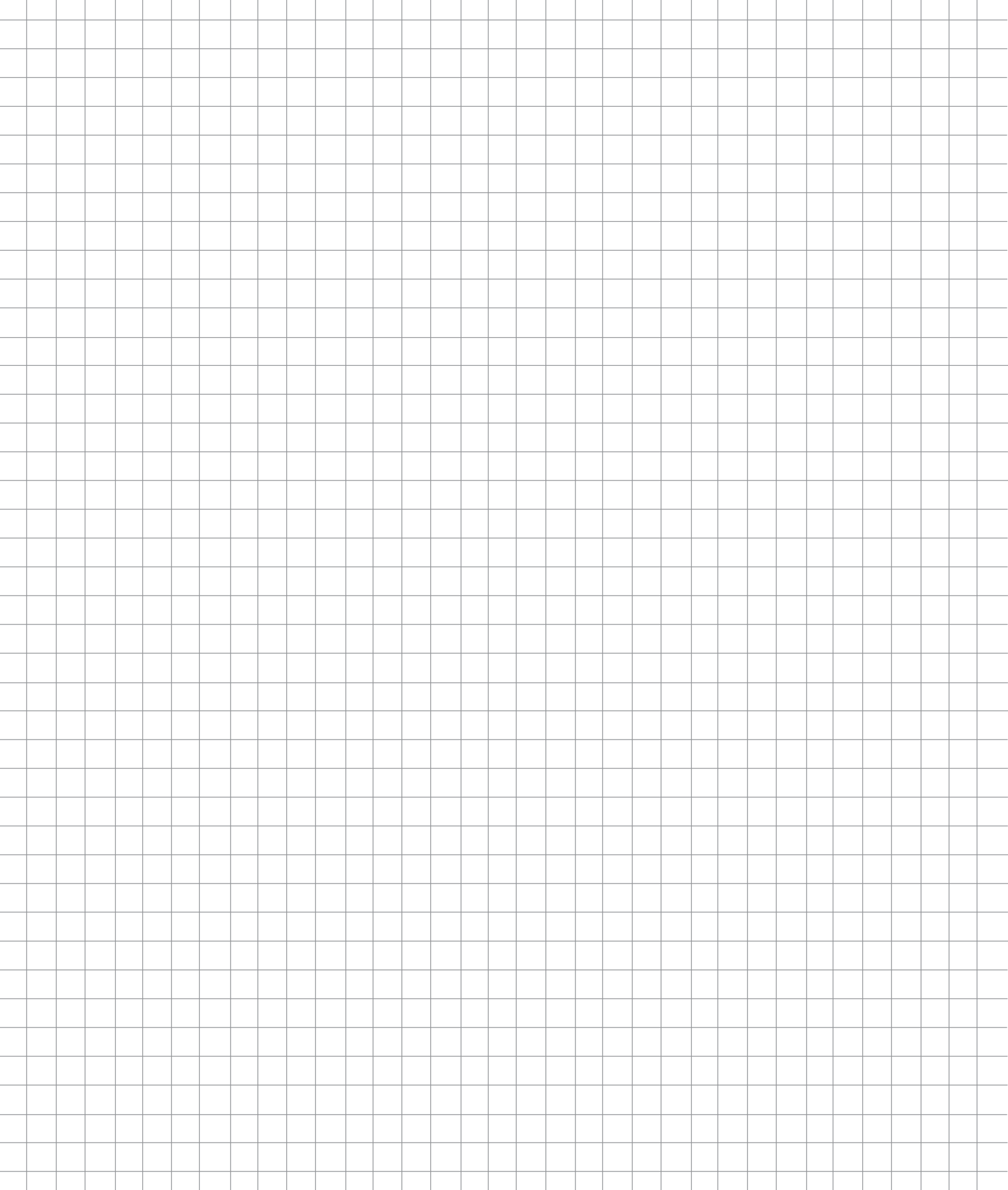


Part 3: Graph the Results

Graph the results of both investigations. Use different-colored lines for the LED and the lamp.

Part 4: Comparing the LED and the Lamp

Compare the voltage drops across LEDs and lamps as the resistance in series increases.



Name _____

Period _____ Date _____

WONDER-CARD RECORDS

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A ○	B ○
C ○	

A ○	B ○
C ○	

A ○	B ○
C ○	

A ○	B ○
C ○	

A ○	B ○
C ○	

A ○	B ○
C ○	

A ○	B ○
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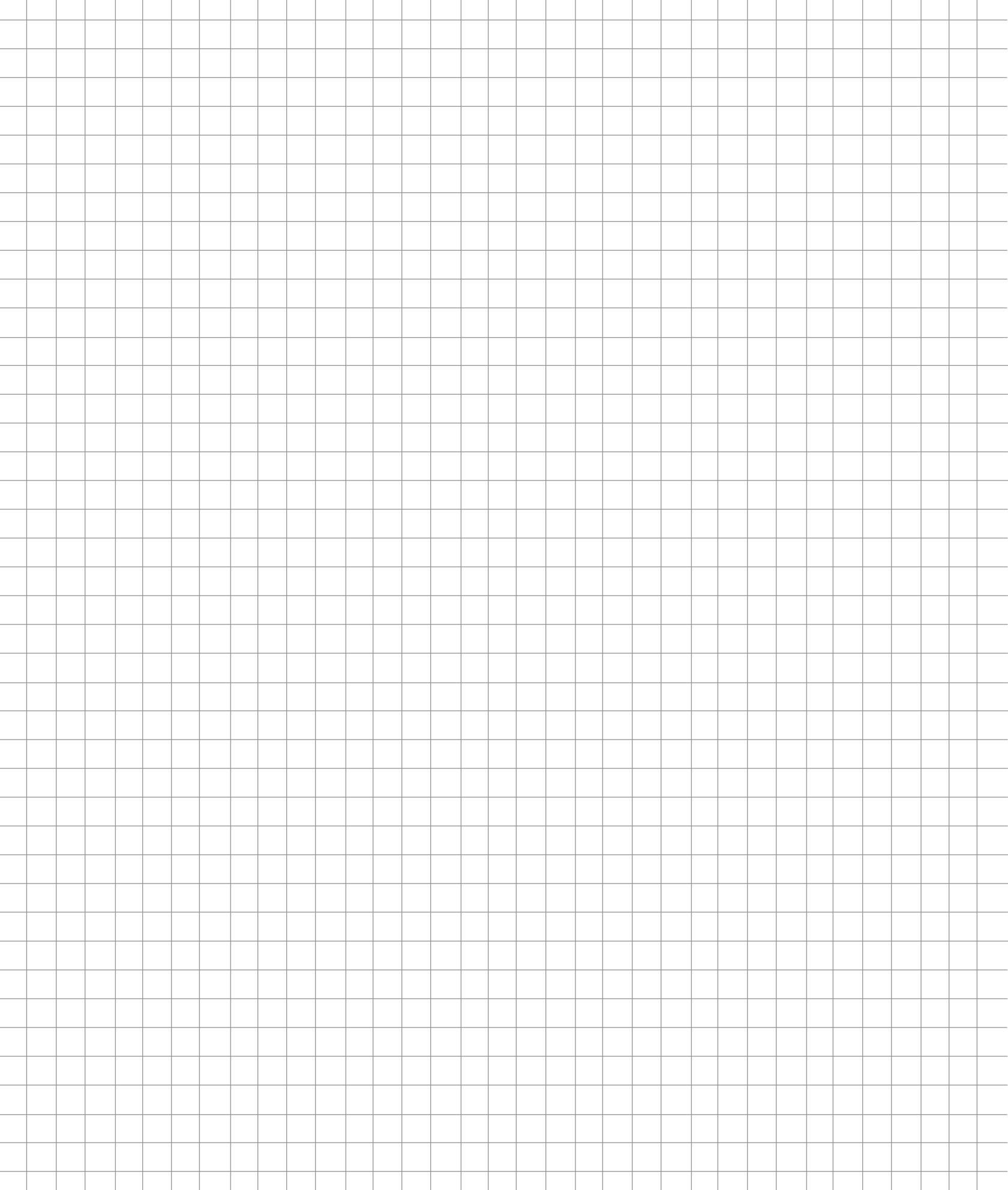
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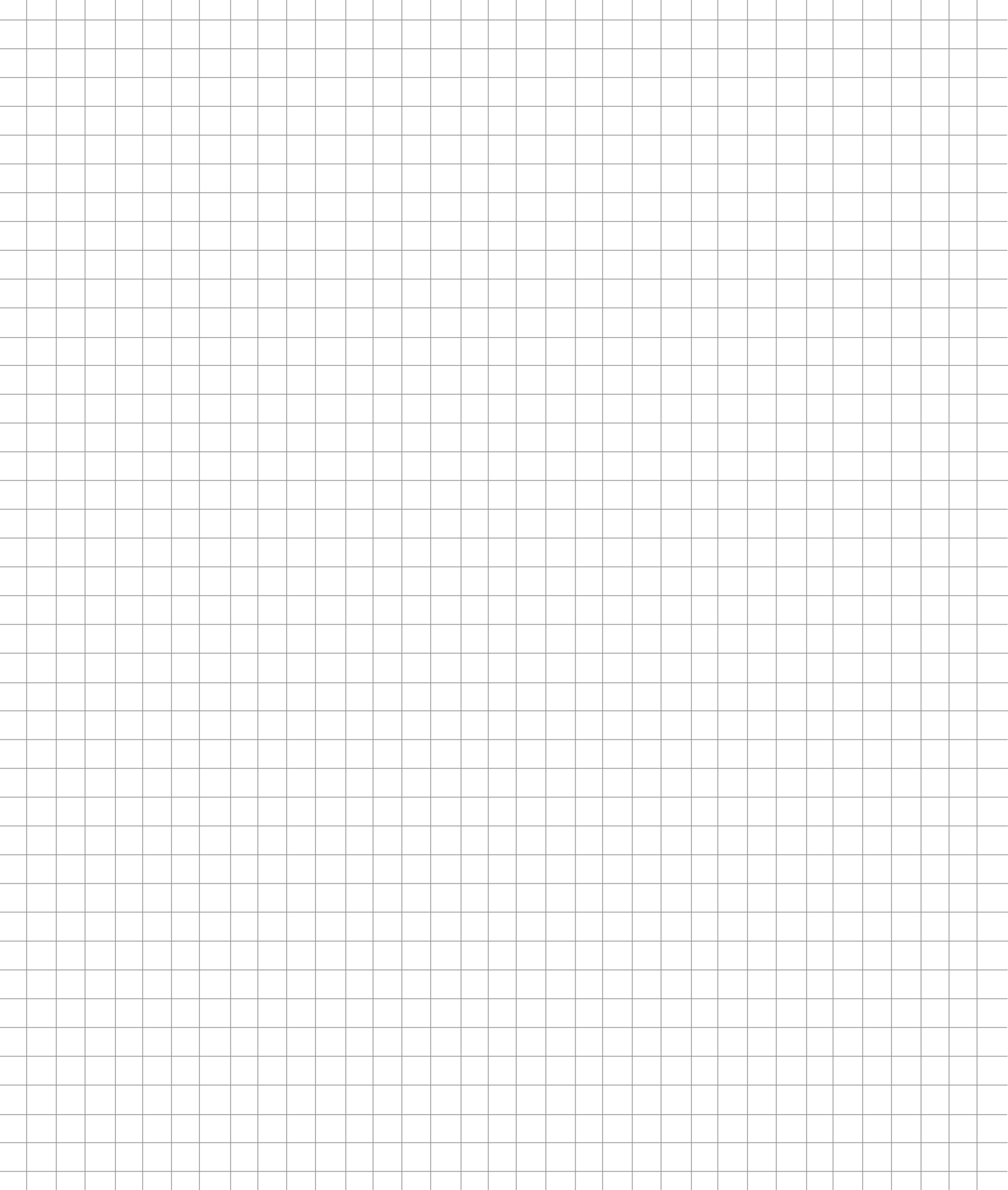
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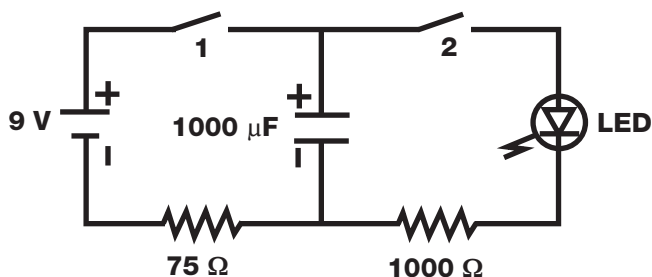
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VOLTAGE IN A CHARGE/DISCHARGE DEVICE



1. What happens to the voltage across the capacitor when switch 1 is closed?

2. What happens to the voltage across the capacitor when switch 2 is closed?

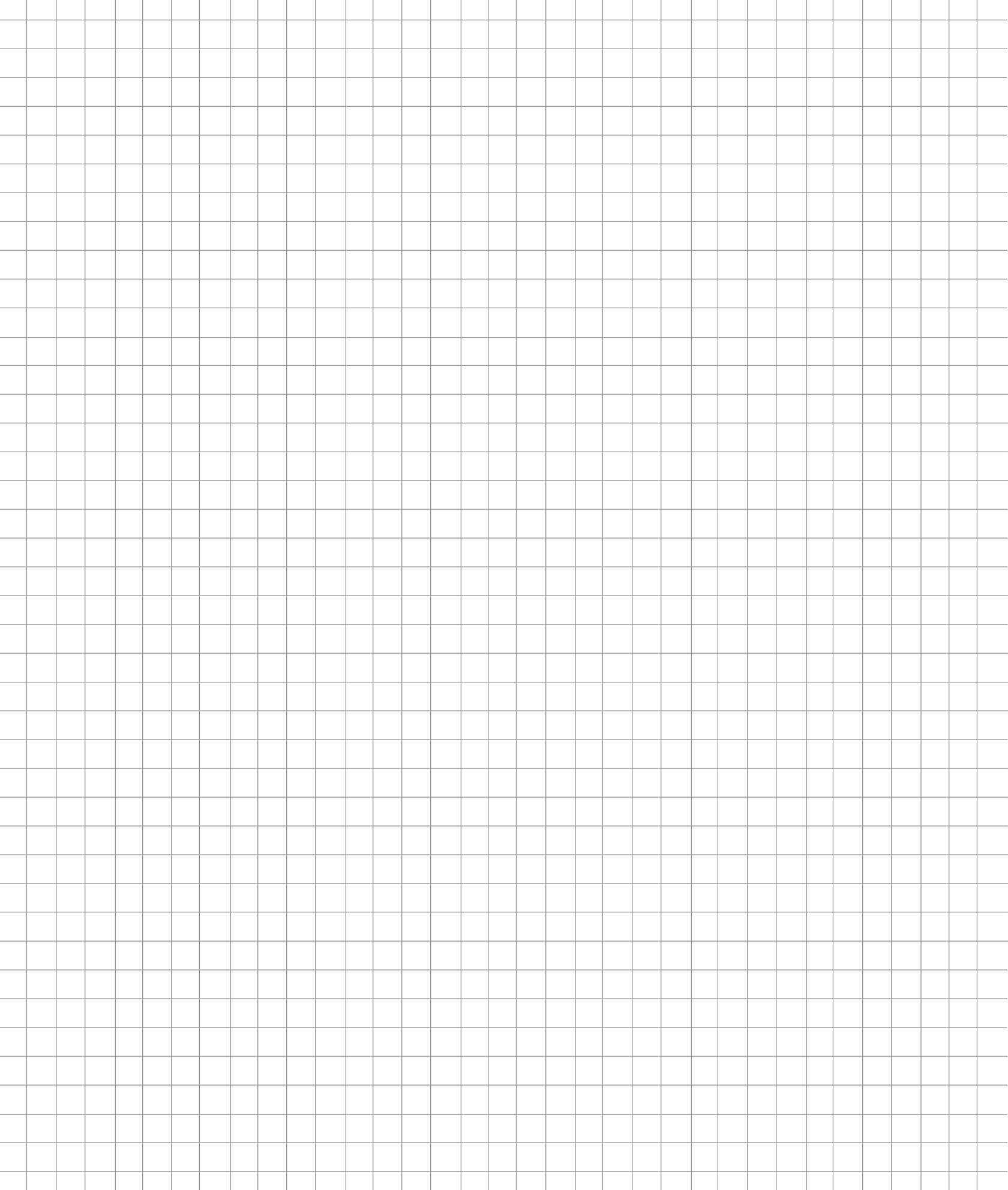
3. What happens to the voltage across the capacitor when a wire is used to short out the two sides of the capacitor?

4. After the capacitor is charged, what happens to the voltage across the 1000- Ω resistor when switch 2 is closed?

5. What happens to the voltage across the LED when switch 2 is closed?

6. What do you think happens in the discharge side of the circuit when switch 2 is closed?

7. **Extra credit:** What happens to the voltages across all of the components when both switches are closed? Explain your observations.



INVESTIGATING RESISTANCE AND CURRENT

Remember

- Set your meter to measure 200 milliamps.
- Use the 75- Ω guardian resistor in all circuits.
- To measure current, put the probes of your meter into the circuit in series with the other components in the circuit.

Part 1: Current and Lamps in Series

1. Test a circuit with one lamp. What is the current? _____
2. Test a two-lamp series circuit. What is the current? _____
3. Test a three-lamp series circuit. What is the current? _____
4. What happens to the current with each added lamp? _____

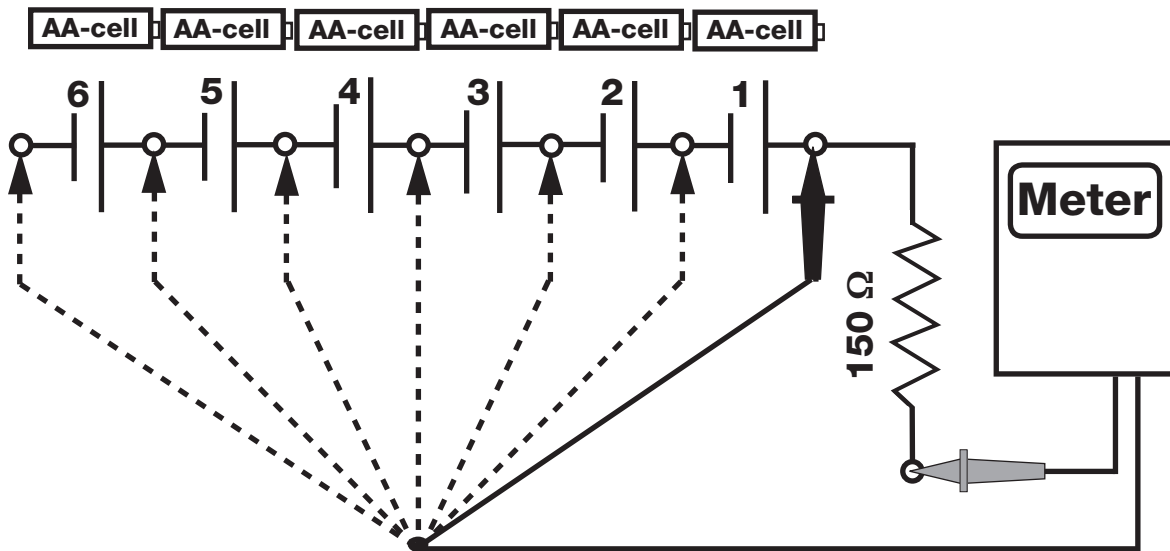
5. Test the current at several locations in the three-lamp circuit. Is it the same everywhere, or does it vary from place to place? _____

Part 2: Current and Resistors in Series

1. Test a circuit with one 150- Ω resistor. What is the current? _____
2. Test a series circuit with two 150- Ω resistors. What is the current? _____
3. Test a series circuit with three 150- Ω resistors. What is the current? _____
4. What happens to the current with each added resistor? _____

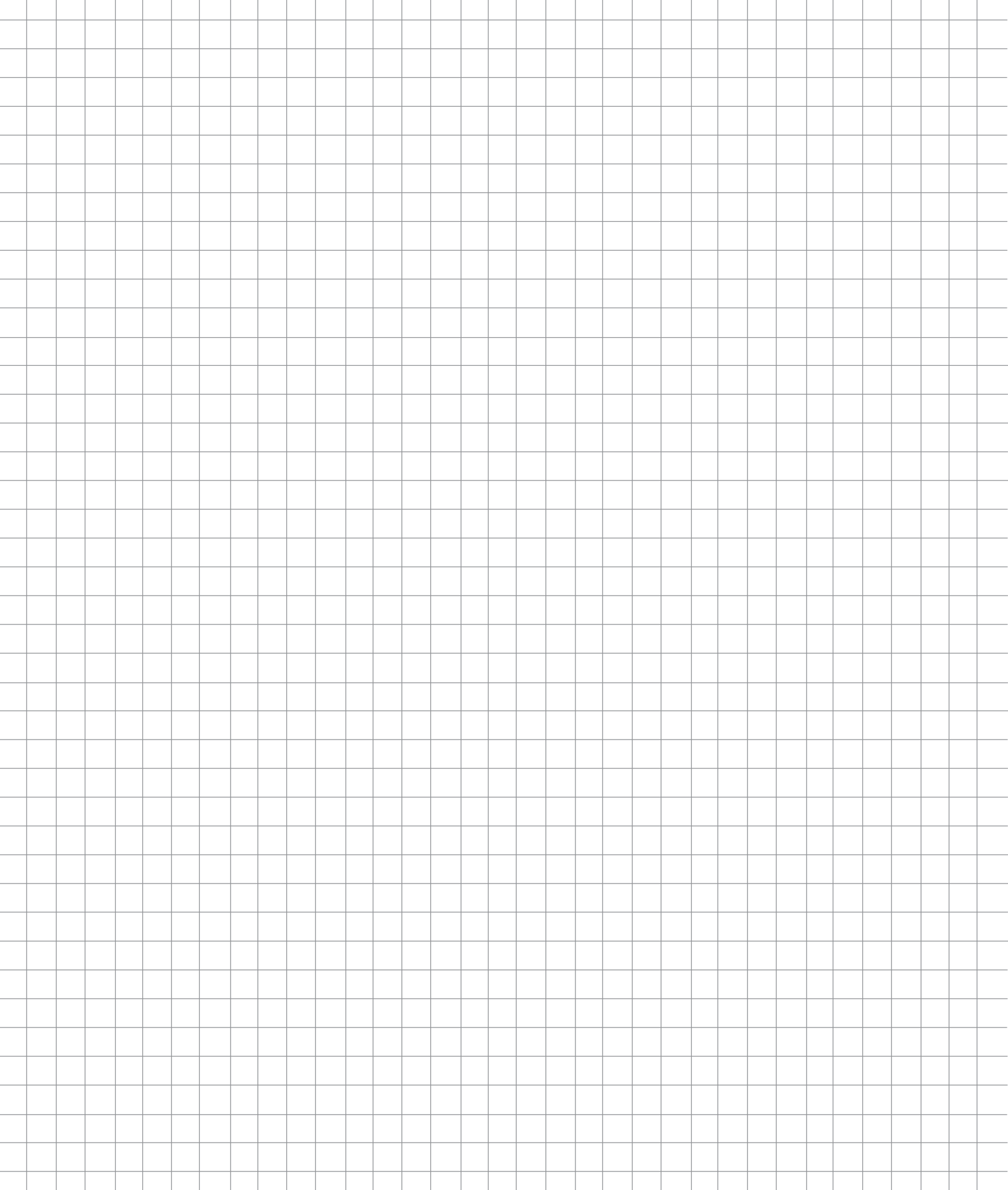
5. Test the current at several locations in the three-resistor circuit. Is it the same everywhere, or does it vary from place to place? _____

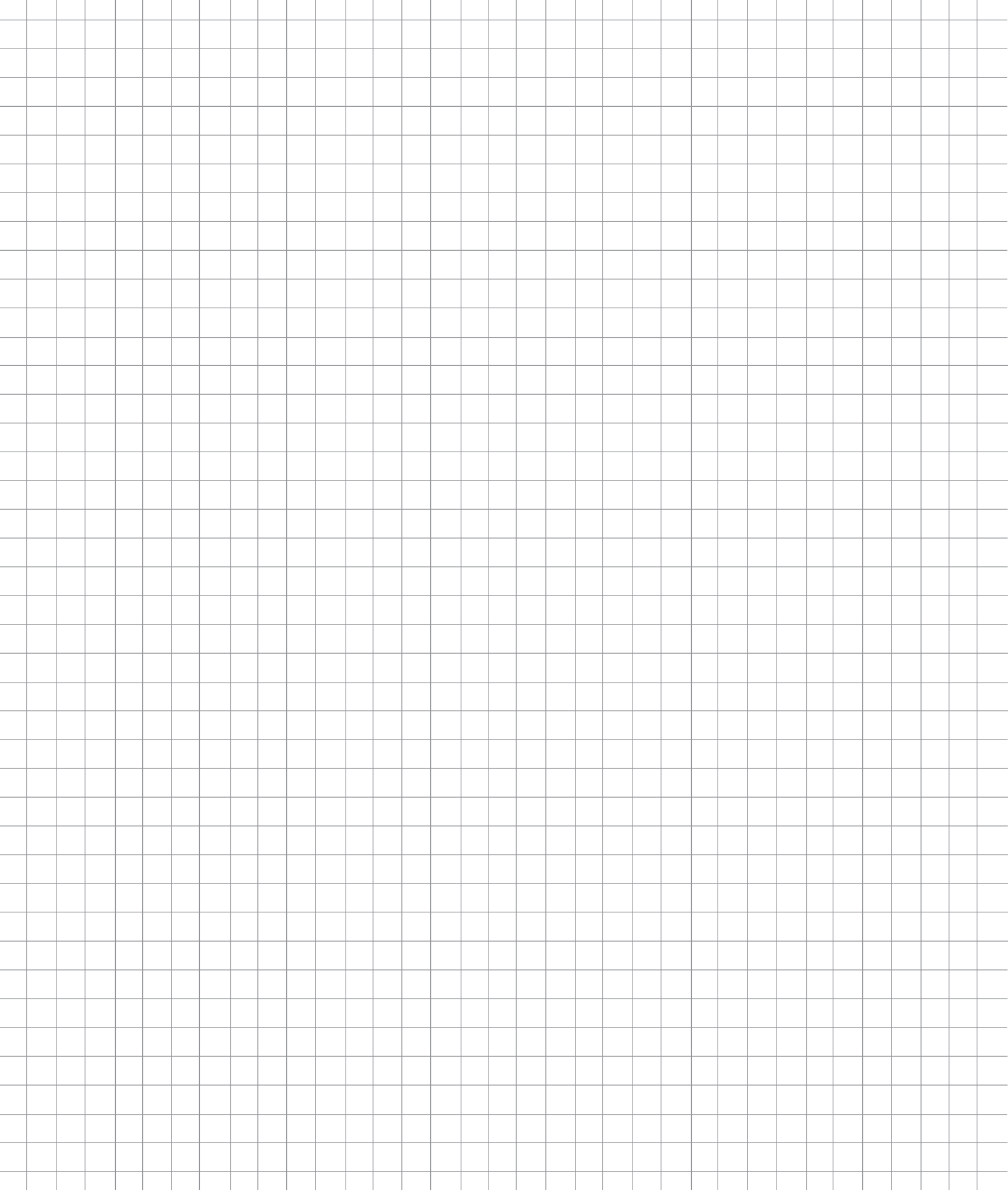
INVESTIGATING VOLTAGE AND CURRENT



1. Include a 150-Ω resistor in your test circuit.
2. Record the total voltage available after you add each AA-cell to the series.
3. Measure and record the current flowing in the circuit after you add each AA-cell to the series.
4. Graph the results.

Cells	Volts	mA
0		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		





OHM'S LAW PROBLEMS

$$V = I \times R$$

$$I =$$

$$R =$$

Show the form of Ohm's law you will use, and show your math. **Include the units in your answer: volts (V), ohms (Ω), or amps (A).**

1. Alan has a battery that measures 4.5 V. His friend is using it to run the motor of a remote-control car. The current flow in the motor circuit is 67 mA. What is the resistance of the motor?

$V =$
$I =$
$R =$

2. Mathew has a portable tape player that uses two 1.5-V batteries in series. The resistance imposed by the speaker is 15 Ω . What is the current flowing in the speaker circuit?

$V =$
$I =$
$R =$

3. The battery in Latoya's family car has a 12-V battery. The car horn imposes 33 Ω of resistance. What is the current flowing through the horn circuit when Latoya honks the horn?

$V =$
$I =$
$R =$

4. Ms. Waters had two 75- Ω resistors in series with the lightbulb in one of her aquariums. She measured the current at 0.06 A. What is the voltage drop across the two resistors?

$V =$
$I =$
$R =$

5. Mr. Jordan was working on a toaster oven that had two resistors in series. One was a 330- Ω resistor. The other resistor was unmarked. He measured the voltage at its source to be 110 V, and the current in the circuit was 250 mA. What was the resistance of the unmarked resistor?

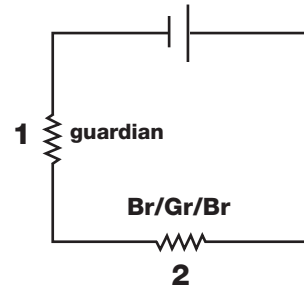
$V =$
$I =$
$R =$

TESTING OHM'S LAW

Test Ohm's law to see if it really works.

Part 1: Calculate a Known Resistance

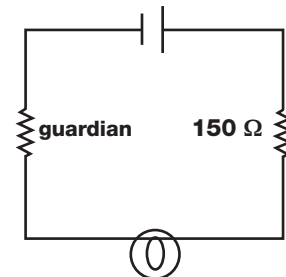
1. Set up a circuit with two resistors in series, the guardian resistor (violet/green/black) and brown/green/brown.
2. Measure the voltage drop across each resistor.
3. Measure the current in the circuit.
4. Calculate the resistance of each resistor, using Ohm's law. Compare your calculated resistance to the measured value (using the ohmmeter) and the rated value (decoded from the color bands) for both resistors.



Calculated value (Ohm's law)	resistor 1 _____	resistor 2 _____
Measured value (ohmmeter)	resistor 1 _____	resistor 2 _____
Rated value (color bands)	resistor 1 _____	resistor 2 _____

Part 2: Calculate the Resistance of a Glowing Lamp

1. Set up a series circuit with a 150-Ω resistor and a lamp.
2. Measure the voltage drop across the lamp. _____
3. Measure the current in the circuit. _____
4. Calculate the resistance of the glowing lamp, using the appropriate form of Ohm's law.



The lamp in series with a 150-Ω resistor has _____ of resistance.

Part 3: Compare the Resistance of Medium and Dim Lamps

1. Set up a circuit with one lamp glowing with medium intensity.
2. Measure the voltage drop across the lamp. _____
3. Measure the current in the circuit. _____
4. Set up a circuit with one lamp and a 330-Ω resistor.
5. Measure the voltage drop across the lamp. _____
6. Measure the current in the circuit. _____
7. Calculate the resistance of the medium lamp and the dim lamp.



Resistance of medium lamp _____

Resistance of dim lamp _____

Part 4: Explain the Resistance of Lamps

Write a paragraph explaining what you discovered about the brightness of lamps. Discuss current and resistance in your explanation.

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- 4** The answer or task is completed correctly and demonstrates understanding of concepts and connections beyond the mastery level.
- 3** **Mastery Level.** The question or task is complete and correct. All important information is included in the answer.
- 2** The answer or task has essentially correct elements; there are only minor mistakes, or minor pieces of information left out.
- 1** The answer or task contains related information, but has significant mistakes or misconceptions.
- 0** The student does not respond to the question or task, or gives an answer that has nothing to do with what was asked.

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