**Trebuchet Launch Activity –
How Far Does It Go? Worksheet**

**![C:\Users\yowell\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\BPT2SHK7\MC900090122[1].wmf]()Background**

In medieval times, the trebuchet was used as both a weapon and a supply engine because it could launch objects to those in need. The powerful trebuchet has a lever and a pouch attached to hold the objects that will be launched. The object that flies through the air is called a projectile, which travels in a parabolic motion. The formula for the velocity of a flying object is:

**Velocity =** (the rate of gravity)(the time it takes for a projectile to drop)

The rate of gravity = 32.2 feet/ second

**Hypotheses**

What object will travel the farthest? Why?

What if the two objects were the same in regards to the variable?

Which object would go farther base on shape? Why?

Predict how far you think each object will travel; label your units used (inches, feet, etc.)

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| **Object** | **Robot 1** | **Robot 2(changed arm length)** | **Robot 3(changed arm angle)** |
| **Eraser** |  |  |  |
| **Ping pong ball** |  |  |  |
| **Chapstick** |  |  |  |
| **Gum Drop** |  |  |  |
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**Data Collection**

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**Results**

Analyze you data by making a bar graph of your results. Label your graph with the objects along the X axis and your distance along the Y axis.

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**Data Collection 2**

Repeat the same experiments with changing the length of the arm.

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**Data Collection 3**

Repeat the same experiments changing the angle of the arm.

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**Follow Up Questions / Conclusion**

Please explain your results?

What was your hypothesis?

Was your hypothesis correct? Please explain.

How could your experiment be better?