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Physics

Chapter 3: Visualizing Horizontally launched projectiles

Directions: The goal of this activity is to diagram out the situations listed below and get a plane of attack to answer the questions.

1. A cannon ball is shot horizontally at a speed of 200.0 m/s from the top of a cliff 78.4 m high.

Draw a diagram of the activity on the in the space provided and label all knowns/unknowns



a) How long does it take the cannon ball to reach the bottom of the cliff?

What are you trying to find? _____

How will you solve this problem? _____

Does it make a difference in the amount of time if the cannon ball was dropped instead of thrown horizontally? Why or why not?

b) How far from the base of the cliff does the cannon ball strike the ground?

What are you trying to find? _____

How will you solve this problem? _____

c) What are the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity of the cannon ball as it hits the ground?

What are you trying to find? _____

How will you solve this problem? _____

d) What is the final speed of the cannon ball as it hits the ground?

What are you trying to find? _____

How will you solve this problem? _____

Does the horizontal velocity change as the cannon ball falls from the cliff? Give reason to support your answer.

What if the cliff was twice as high. How would this affect:

Amount of time before the cannon ball hits the ground? _____

The horizontal velocity? _____

The vertical velocity? _____

