



Underwater Robotics Curriculum

Lesson 1: Engineering is Everywhere

Student Worksheet – Civil Engineering

What is civil engineering?

Research and describe one structure that you think was created by a civil engineer?

Civil engineering is the foundation of society. Explain how civil engineers helped build the first villages, towns and cities.

Find a famous civil engineer. What have they designed?

What would you design if you were a civil engineer?



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Student Worksheet – Chemical Engineering

What is chemical engineering?

Research and describe something that you think was designed by a chemical engineer?

Chemical engineers help develop new ways of distributing medicine. Find a pharmaceutical company that hires chemical engineers and describe what they produce.

Find a famous chemical engineer. What have they designed?

What would you design if you were a chemical engineer?



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Student Worksheet – Electrical Engineering

What is electrical engineering?

Research and describe one device that you think was created by an electrical engineer?

Electrical engineers were extremely important in the development of the first computer. Can you explain what part of the computer electrical engineers might have helped design?

Find a famous electrical engineering. What have they designed?

What would you design if you were an electrical engineer?



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Student Worksheet – Mechanical Engineering

What is mechanical engineering?

Research and describe one object that you think was created by a mechanical engineer?

Mechanical engineering is very old. Can you find any examples of ancient mechanical engineering designs?

Find a famous mechanical engineer. What have they designed?

What would you design if you were a mechanical engineer?

Lesson 2: Engineering Design Process

Student Worksheet – Revising an Existing Design

What device is your team going to improve? _____

What is the main purpose of the device?

Why does the device need to be improved?

Are there any cost or material constraints that should be considered when improving this device?

Brainstorm: write your ideas and make sketches of possible ways to improve the device?

What is the best possible improvement that can be made to this device and why?

Describe how you would sell your new and improved product to the public?

Lesson 4: Tool Shop Safety

Student Quiz

Why is it important to wear safety goggles when working with power tools?

Why should you clamp the PVC before cutting or drilling?

What could happen if too many people are crowded around a table?

Name two important rules to follow when using a soldering iron?

Circle the correct answer to the following:

Is it ok to wear sandals in the tool shop? Yes No

Should long hair be up or down in the tool shop? Up Down

Lesson 6: Hydrostatics

Student Worksheet

Pre-Lesson Questions



1. Give three examples of objects that float.

2. What actually makes an object float?

3. Why do people's ears hurt when they swim near the bottom of a pool?

Post-Lesson Questions

1. What are two examples of a compressible fluid?

2. What are two examples of an incompressible fluid?

3. What fluids interact with your underwater robot?

Lesson 7: Fluid Dynamics, Thrust

Student Worksheet

Pre-Activity Questions

Answer the following questions before beginning the activity.

1. What parts of the airplane produce thrust?

2. How can you increase the airplanes thrust?

3. Why is it important that the airplane hangs level on the line?

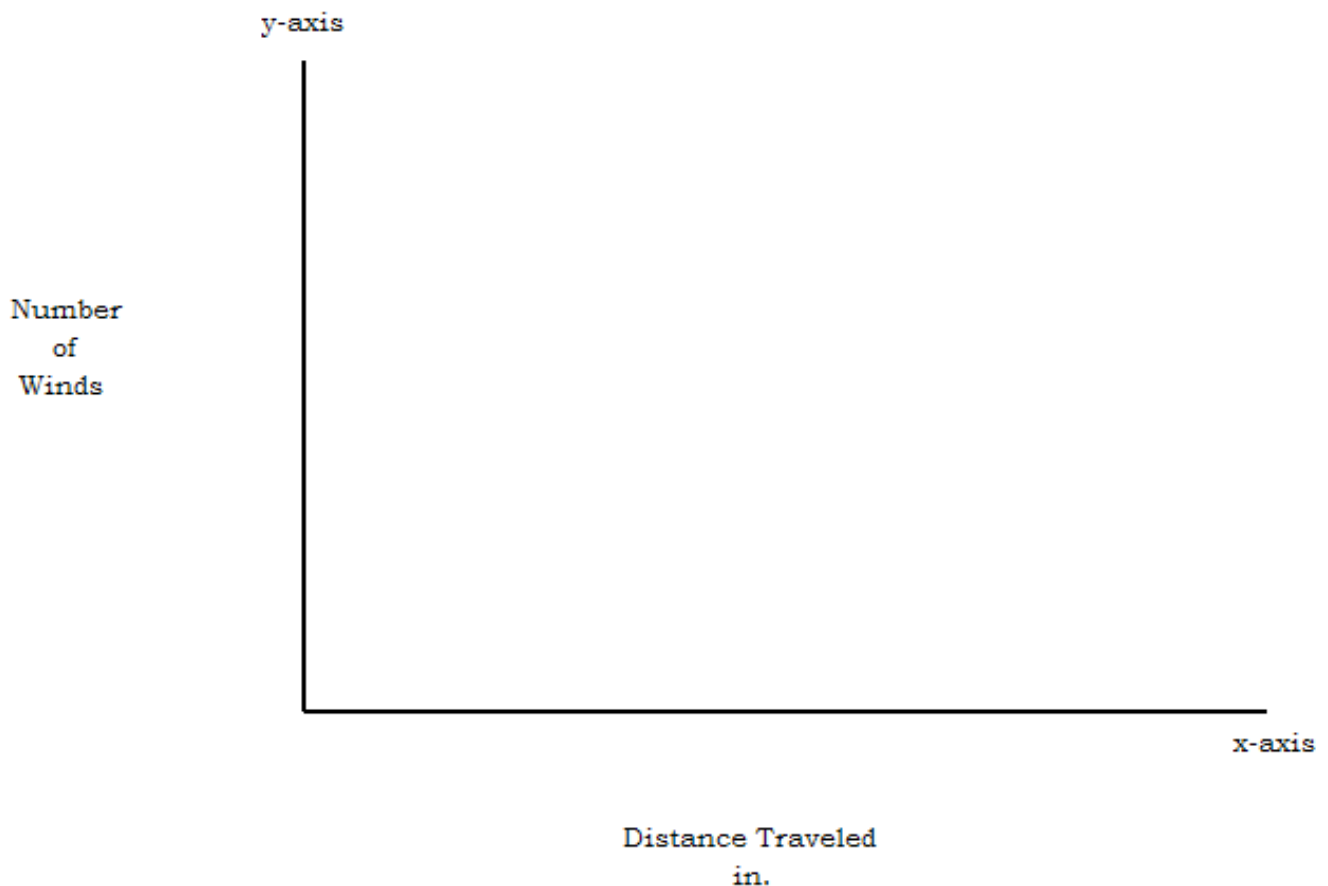
Questions

How many winds did it take to reach the end of the wire? _____

What is the minimum number of winds required to move the airplane? _____

Data Analysis Instructions

- Your goal is to graph the results of your test and determine if any trends appear.
- Based on your results determine an appropriate scale for the x axis and y axis.
 - o For example: number of winds could go in increments of 5 (5, 10, 15...) and the distance traveled could go in increments of 2 in. (2 in, 4 in, 6 in)
 - o Plot your data from the thrust test on the graph.



Lesson 8: Fluid Dynamics, Drag

Student Worksheet

Pre-Lesson Questions

Answer the following questions to prepare for your introduction to drag.



1. Why do we need to worry about drag when we already have tried to improve thrust?

2. Why are race cars more curved looking than buses?

3. Why do you think it's hard to walk against a strong wind?

Activity # 1 Hypothesis

What do you think will happen to the speed of the propeller when it is placed in water?

Post - Activity # 1 Questions

Did the propeller act differently in the air verses in the water?

How do you think the propeller would behave if it was dipped in a tub of molasses?

Activity # 2 – Hypothesis

What type of shape do you think will minimize the drag the best?

Post - Activity # 2 – Questions

In the table draw or write the shape being tested and record the time it takes to reach the ground.

1.	2.
Time:	Time:
3.	4.
Time:	Time:

5.	6.
Time:	Time:

Which shape had the shortest time? Which shape had the longest time?

Was your prediction correct? If not why do you think you were incorrect?
