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Teacher Tips!

The goal of a Halloween demo is to review physical and chemical changes of matter in a fun and spooky way!

You can use [THIS VIDEO](#) as a visual how-to

Physical & Chemical Change Review Comic-

- This is a spin-off of the [Properties of Matter Lesson Plan](#)
- Use this comic to review content before the demo
- The Doodle Notes are provided to enable learners to follow along

Visual Instructions-

- I have provided two formats: the “puking” version and the “volcano” version. This allows you some flexibility to meet the needs and maturity level of your class.
- I tend to use the puking pumpkins because I teach middle school 🙄
- These instructions will make it easy for every student to engage in the activity.

Demo Prep-

- I have always prepped the pumpkin before the demo/lab, meaning the pumpkin is already gutted when it reaches the hands of my students (middle schoolers are far too messy!)
- If you do plan to have each student/team carve the pumpkin in class, perhaps have them bring a gutted pumpkin from home.
- Pre-measure the two ingredients beforehand to avoid overuse

Predictions-

- Have students make predictions as a class and build excitement for the demo

Follow-up Questions-

- Once the demo is complete, learners can complete these questions
- This will help them tie the demo back to the content

Word Search-

- Great for early finishers or an extension if you have extra classtime.

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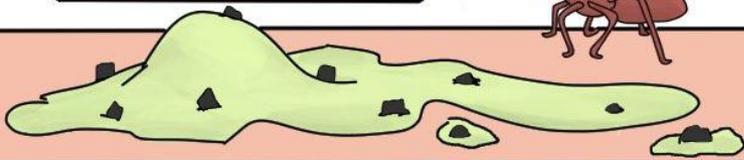
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IT LOOKS DIFFERENT, BUT IT IS STILL THE SAME SUBSTANCE.



PAPER CUT INTO SMALLER PIECES IS STILL PAPER

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CHEMICAL CHANGE

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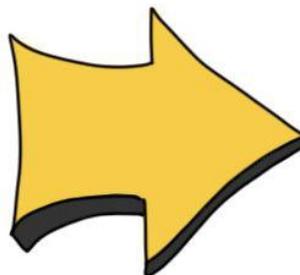
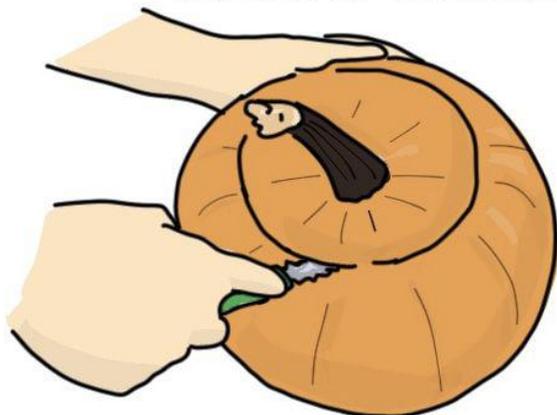
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ONCE A CHEMICAL CHANGE HAS OCCURRED IT IS VERY HARD TO REVERSE.



CARVING A PUMPKIN IS A PHYSICAL CHANGE.



WHEN BAKING SODA AND VINEGAR COMBINE IT RESULTS IN A CHEMICAL CHANGE.



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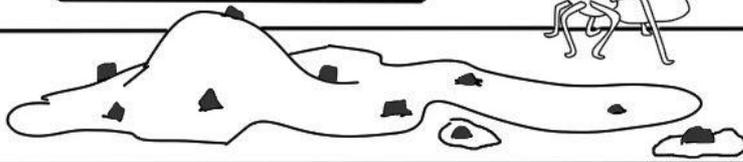
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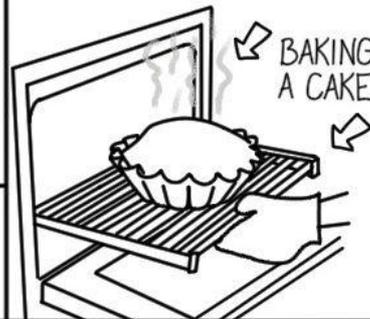
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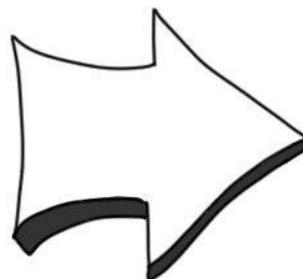
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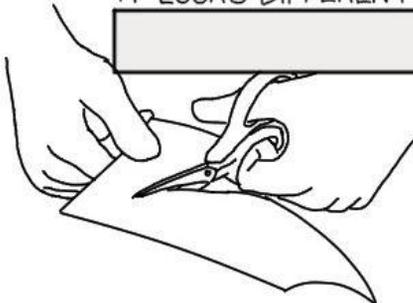
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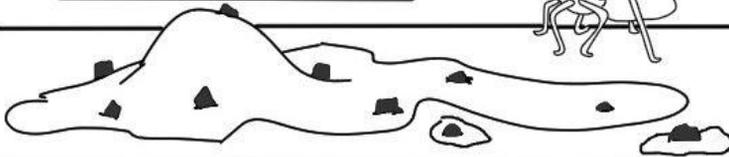
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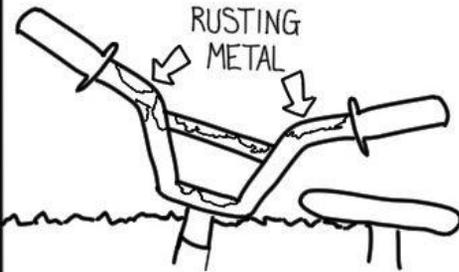
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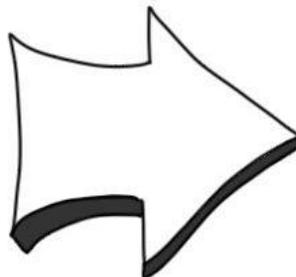
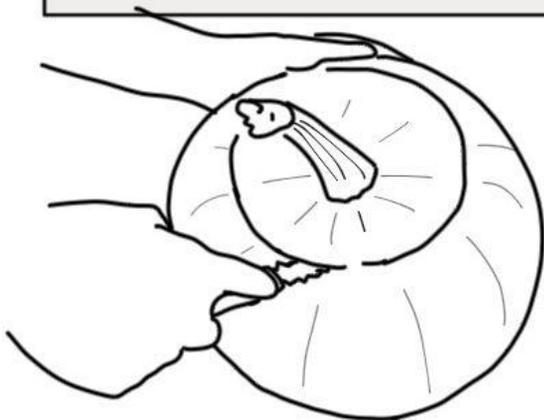


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CHEMICAL REACTION DEMO

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THE PUMPKIN

A TRAY TO
CATCH THE
MESS

BAKING
SODA

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PUMPKIN CARVER

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OBSERVE A CHEMICAL CHANGE
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STEP 2:
CARVE THE PUMPKIN!

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STEP 3: POUR SOME BAKING
SODA IN THE PUMPKIN.



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STEP 5: POUR VINEGAR
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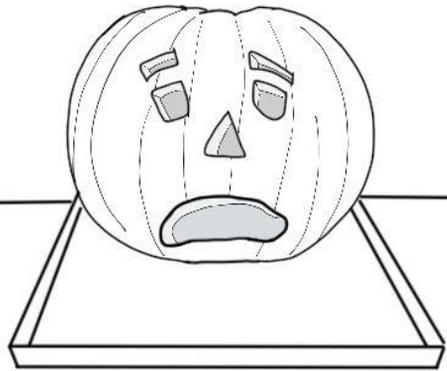
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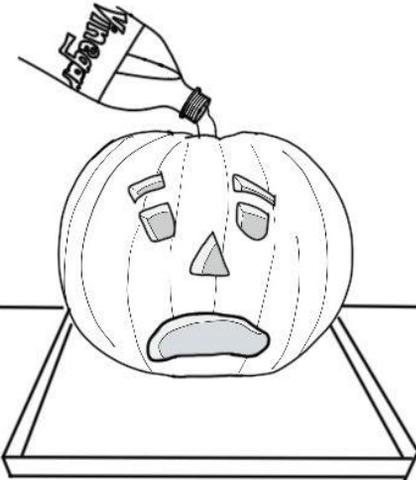
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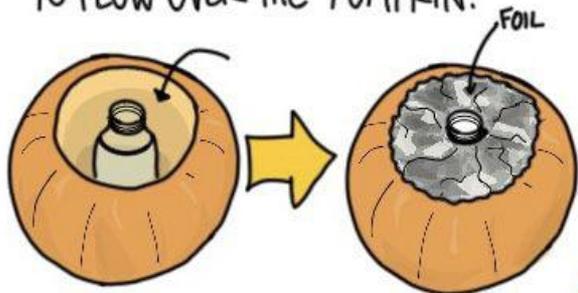
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PLACE THE VINEGAR CONTAINER INTO THE PUMPKIN.

STEP 4:
IF YOU HAVE A GAP, USE THE FOIL TO COVER THE SPACE. THIS WILL ALLOW THE "LAVA" TO FLOW OVER THE PUMPKIN.



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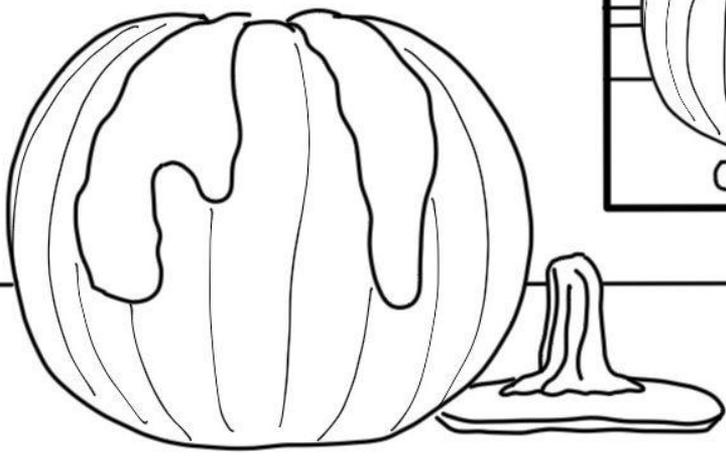


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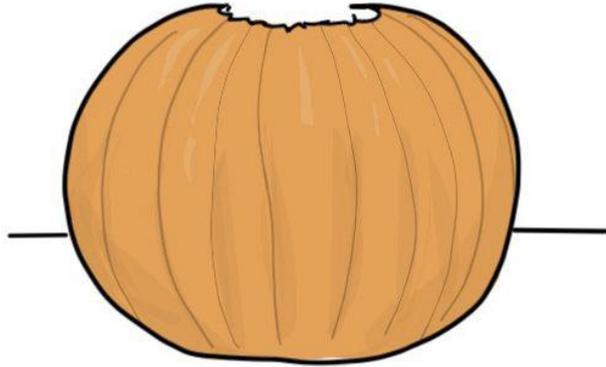
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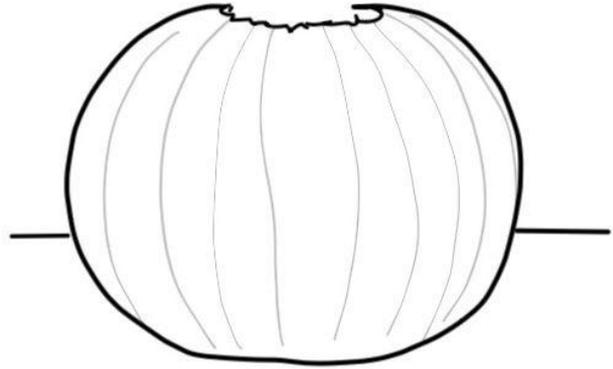
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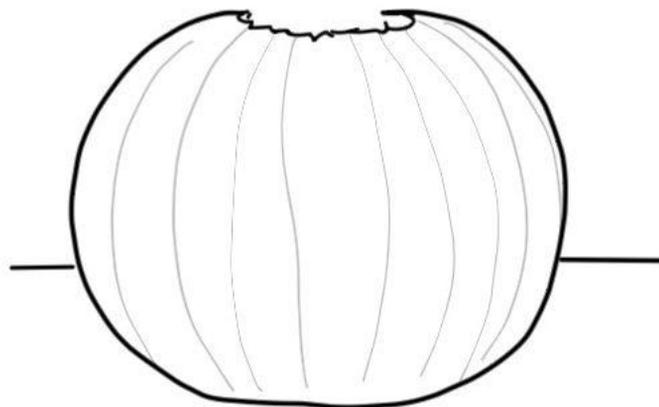
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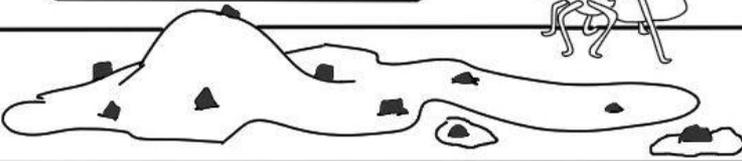
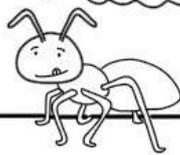
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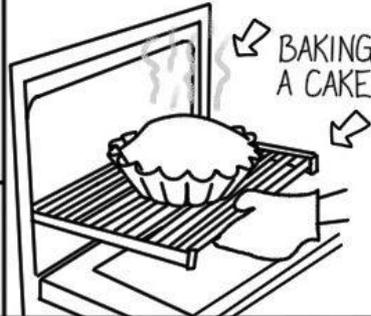
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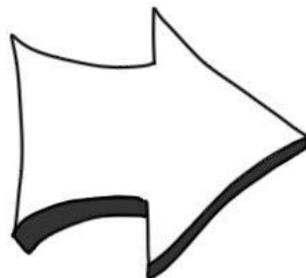
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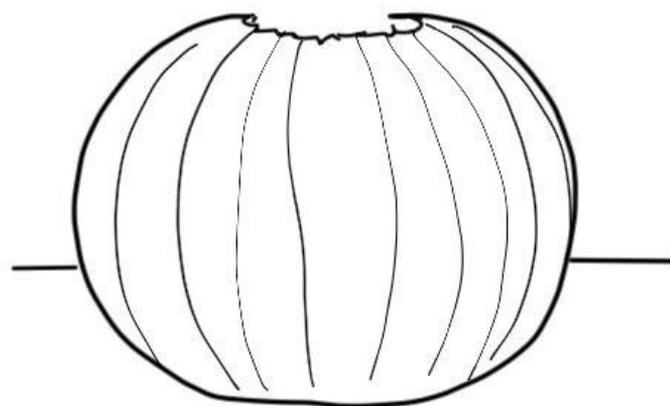


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3. ONCE THE BAKING SODA AND VINEGAR MIX, IS IT POSSIBLE TO REVERSE IT? EXPLAIN.

NO. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT IS A CHEMICAL CHANGE.

THE MOLECULES HAVE BEEN PERMINENTLY ALTERED

4. WHY DOES THE CHEMICAL REACTION STOP?

THE CHEMICAL REACTION STOPS BECAUSE

ALL OF THE "FUEL" IS USED UP.

5. **THINK:** WHAT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A CHEMICAL REACTION? (NOT WITH THE PUMPKIN)

ANSWERS WILL VARY → RUST, BAKING A CAKE, ROTTING

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