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**Lights, Candles, Action!\_Performance Task**

Your friend Abbie is making a movie. She is filming a fancy dinner scene and she has two types of candles on the table. She wants to determine how long the candles will last.

She takes a picture, lights the candles, and then lets them burn for 1 hour. She then takes a second picture. You can assume that each candle burns at its own constant rate.

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|  | Candle Type A initial height= 20 cmCandle Type B initial height = 10 cmCandle Type A height after burning for 1 hour = 16 cmCandle Type B height after burning for 1 hour = 9 cmYou will use this information to help Abbie think about the candles she might use for her film. |

**PART 1:**

Candles A and B are lit at the same time. What will be the height, in cm, of each candle after 3 hours of burning?

Candle Type A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Candle Type B: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2:**

Candles of each type were lit at the same time. Abbie thinks that since Candle Type A burns more quickly than Candle Type B, that it will burn out (have a height of 0 cm) first.

Julie thinks that since Candle Type B starts out much shorter than Candle Type A, it will be the candle to burn out first.

Which candle will burn out first? Given a mathematical explanation to convince Abbie and Julie of your solution. Clearly identify the quantities involved.

Candle \_\_\_\_\_\_ will burn out first because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 3:**

Abbie has 3 hours left to film. She lights a ***new*** Candle Type A and Candle Type B and then starts filming.

In the 3 hours she has left, will Abbie capture the moment when the candles are exactly the same height?

Explain to Abbie how you can determine the answer.

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**PART 4:**

You have decided to use functions to help Abbie think about candles.

You show her how to represent the height of a candle, ***h***, as a function of time, ***t***, using this equation: **h = k +nt**

First, explain to Abbie what ***k*** and ***n*** represent in order to model the different candles. Be specific in your explanation.

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**PART 5:**

Now, write an equation for Candle A and an equation for Candle B that will tell Abbie the height ***h*** of the candle, in cm, at ***t*** hours after it is lit.

Equation for Candle A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Equation for Candle B: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PART 6:**

For her next film Abbie wants candles that will burn for exactly 8 hours. You want to give her a choice by designing two different candles (Type C and Type D).

Using the equation **h = k + nt**, determine two different pairs of values for ***k*** and ***n*** that will meet the requirement to burn down to a height of 0 cm in exactly 8 hours.

Complete the table to show two possible sets of values for ***k*** and ***n*** for your new candle designs.

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|  | **k** | **n** | **Equation** |
| **Candle Type C** |  |  |  |
| **Candle Type D** |  |  |  |

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