Round: 3B

You are sitting in a canoe that also contains a large rock. The canoe is floating in a swimming pool filled with fresh water with a density of 1 g/cm³. The rock has a volume of about 10,000 cm³ and a density of 2.65 g/cm³. You decided to toss the rock into the pool and do so without taking on water.

1. Is the water level in the pool higher, lower or unchanged after the rock is thrown in the water compared to when both you and the rock were in the canoe?

It is lower (4 pts)

2. Explain the mechanism(s) involved.

When in the canoe, the rock displaced water in proportion to its weight (4 pt).

3. What volume of water does the rock displace when in the canoe?

It displaces 2.65 times its volume, 26,500 cm³ (5 pt).

4. What volume of water does the rock displace in the pool?

In the water, it displaces only its own volume of 10,000 cm³ (5 pt).

5. Name the Greek scientist attributed with first explaining this phenomenon?

Archimedes (2 pts)