

LIGHT, PINHOLES AND LENSES: CAMERAS AND COMPUTER IMAGING

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ABOUT LIGHT

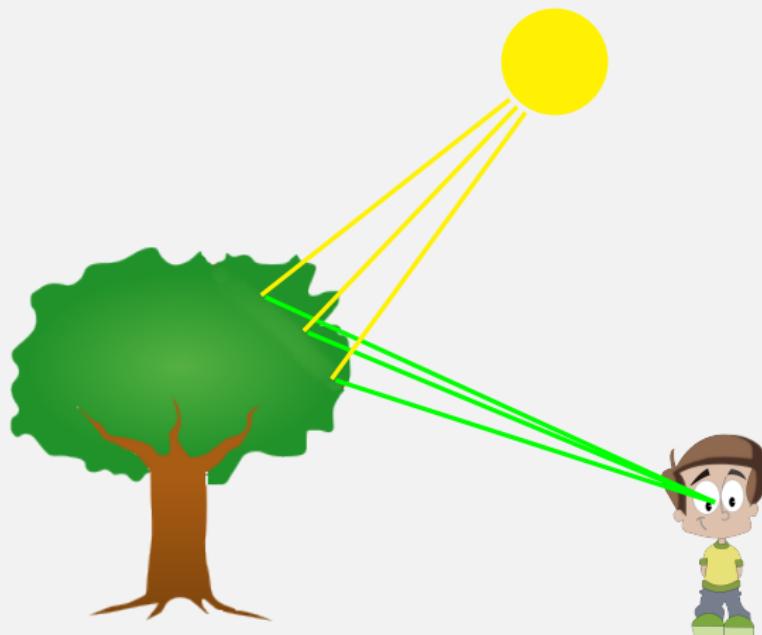
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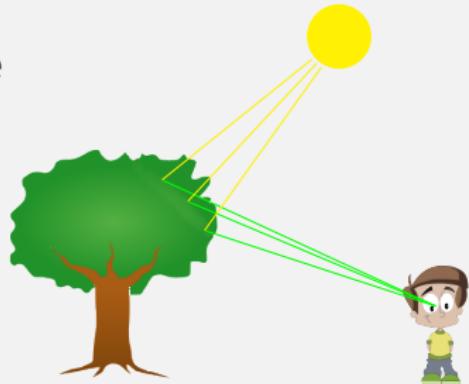


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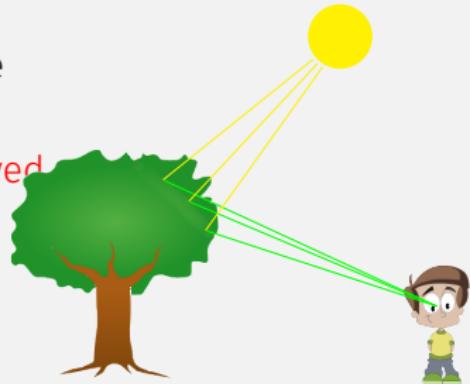


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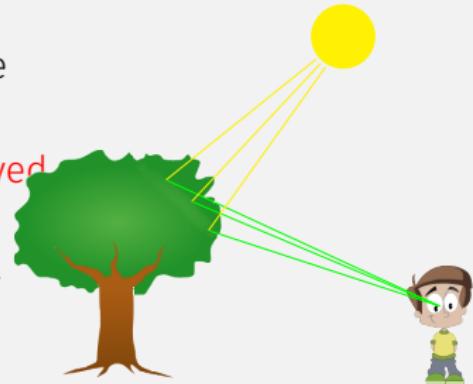
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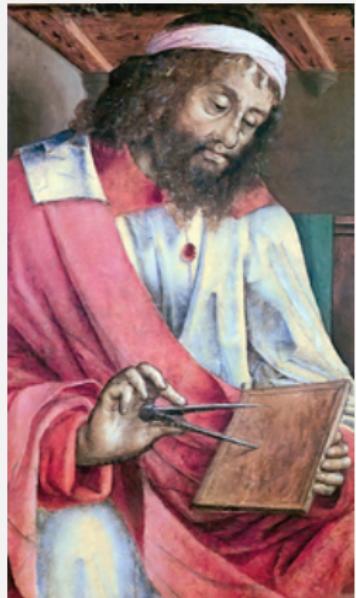
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Modern scientists still believe so.

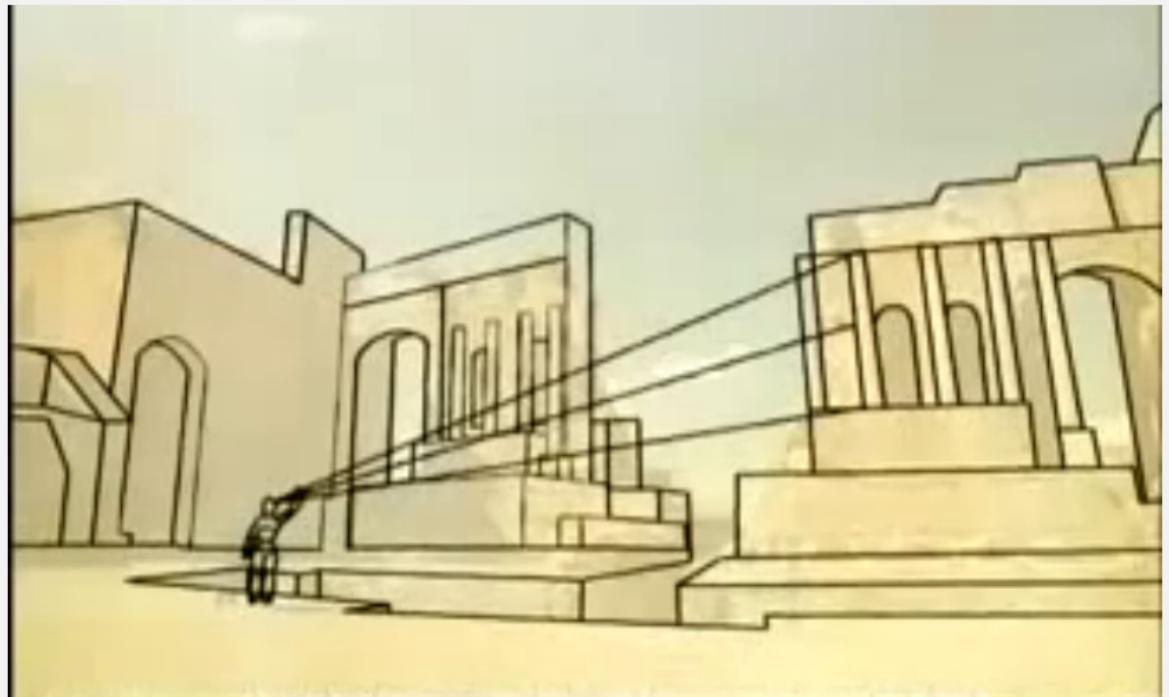


WHAT IS LIGHT?

- Greek philosophers believed that sight was possible because of interaction of fire in eyes and in the sun.
- Euclid, a Greek philosopher, gave us some particular insights about light.



LIGHT TRAVELS IN STRAIGHT LINES



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¹BBC:Let there be Light (2006)

WHAT IS LIGHT?

Light is something that helps us see things. It travels in straight lines (mostly!!).

MAKING A PINHOLE CAMERA

STEP 1

Take a cup and scotch tape



STEP 2

Cover the open end of cup using the scotch tape



STEP 3

Cut a circular piece of construction paper
and glue it to the cup base.



STEP 4

Pierce a pinhole through the closed end of the cup using a push pin



USING THE PINHOLE CAMERA

- Point the bottom of the cup towards the object and scotch tape towards you.
- Hold the cup about one foot away from your eyes.

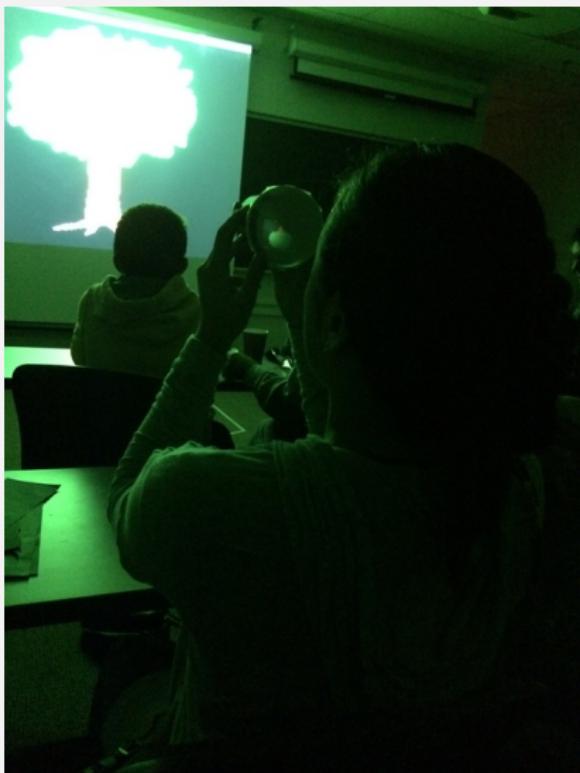


EXPERIMENT TIME

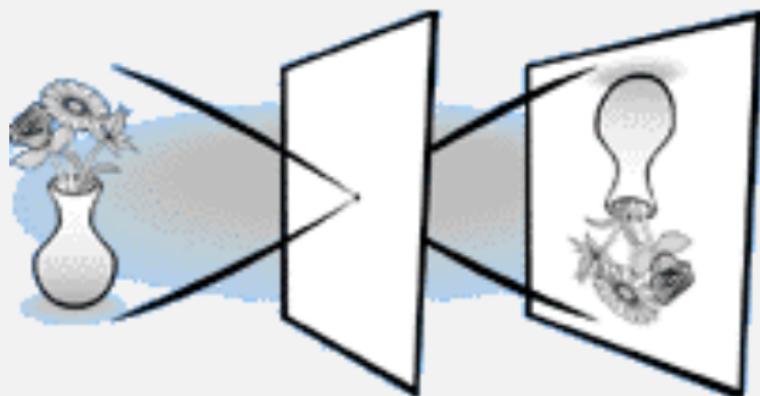
We will turn on the bulb.



WHAT DID YOU SEE?

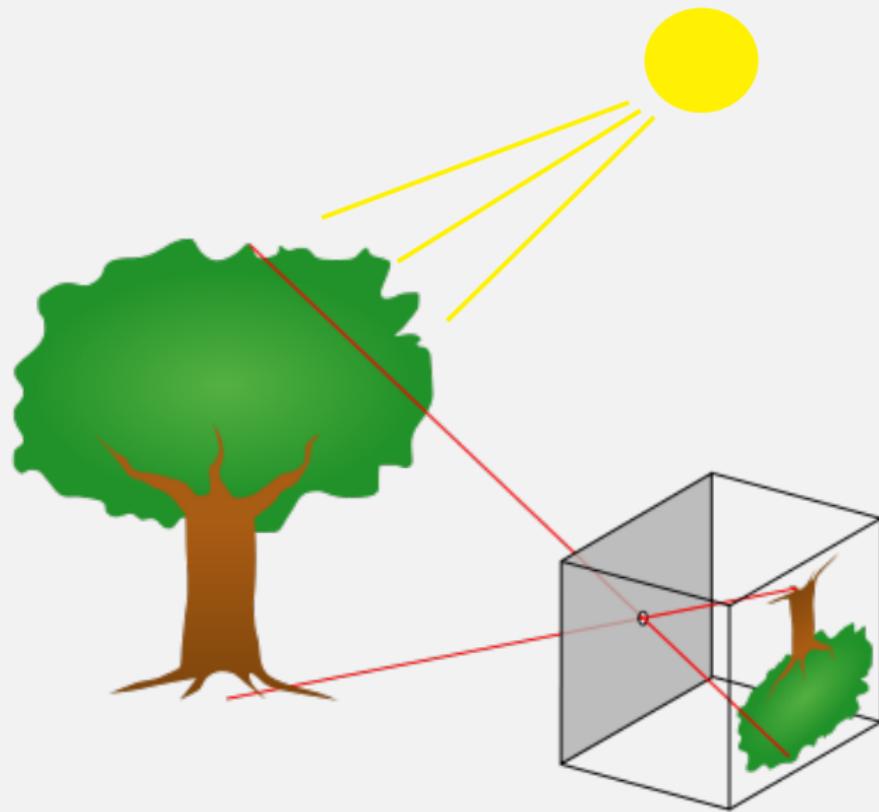


DID YOU SEE AN INVERTED IMAGE?

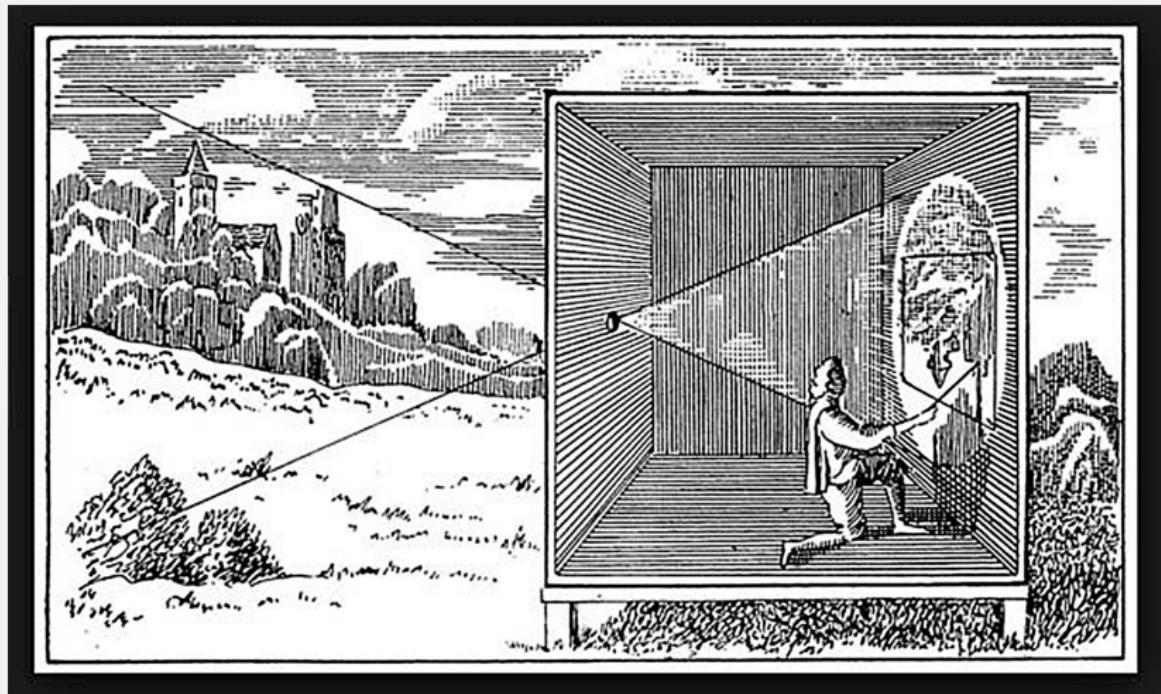


HOW DOES IT WORK

RAY DIAGRAM



CAMERA OBSCURA: DARK ROOM

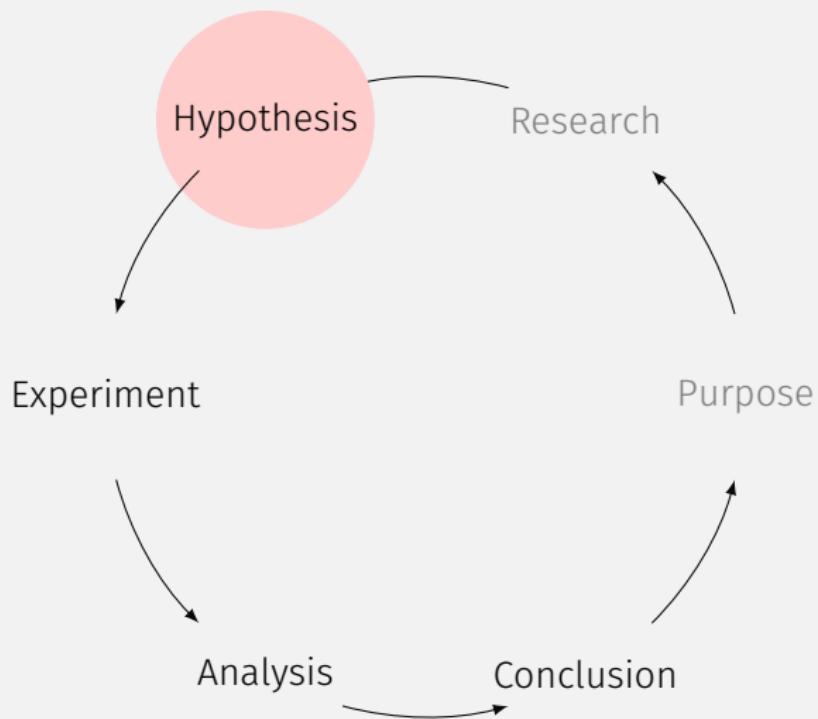


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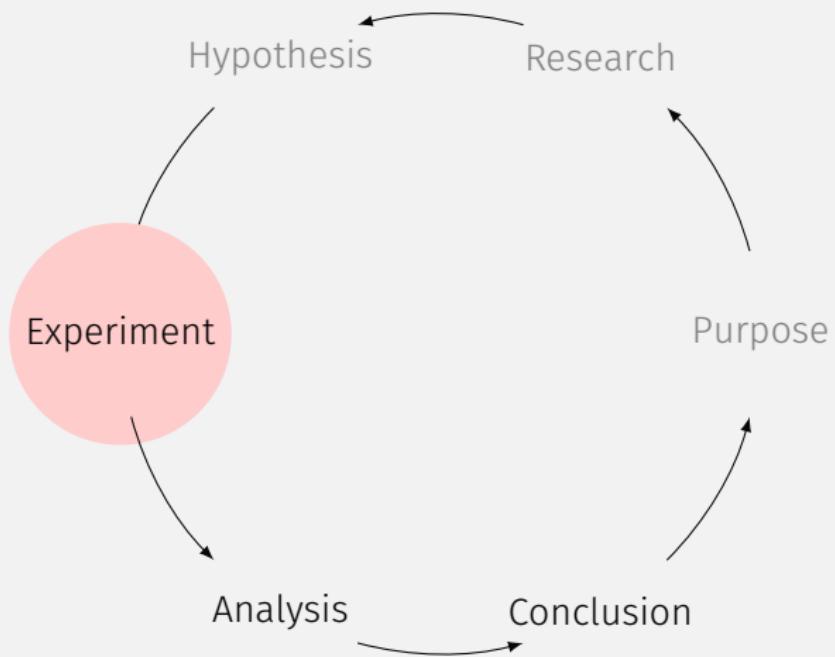
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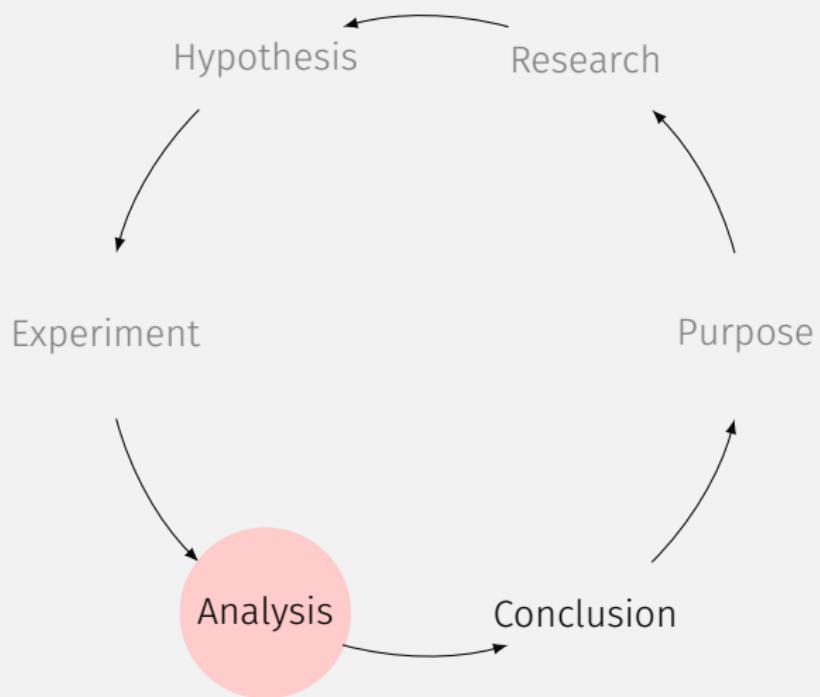


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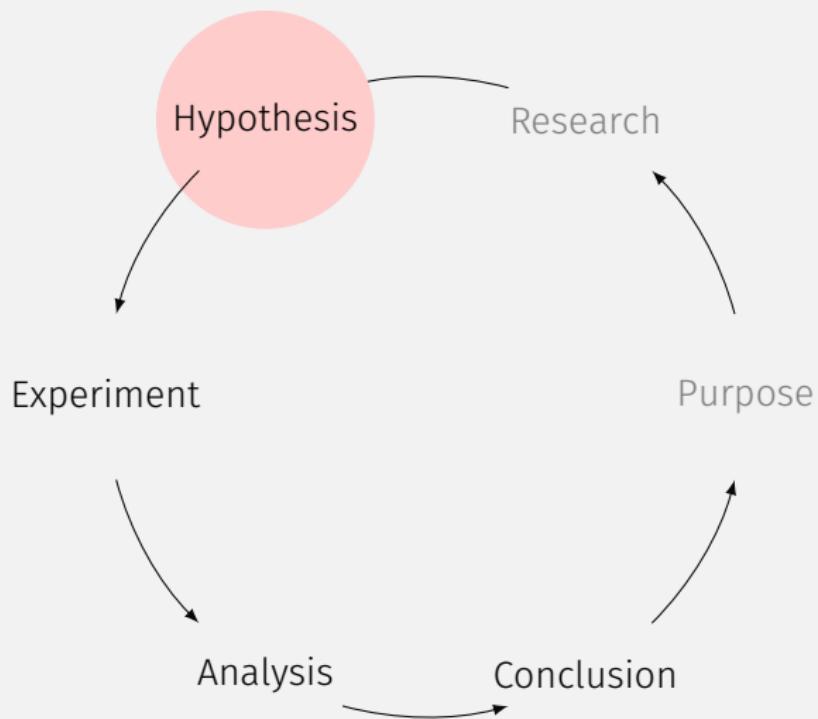
... if you change the distance of the pinhole from the object?
Does it become bigger?

EFFECT OF SHORTENING THE CAMERA

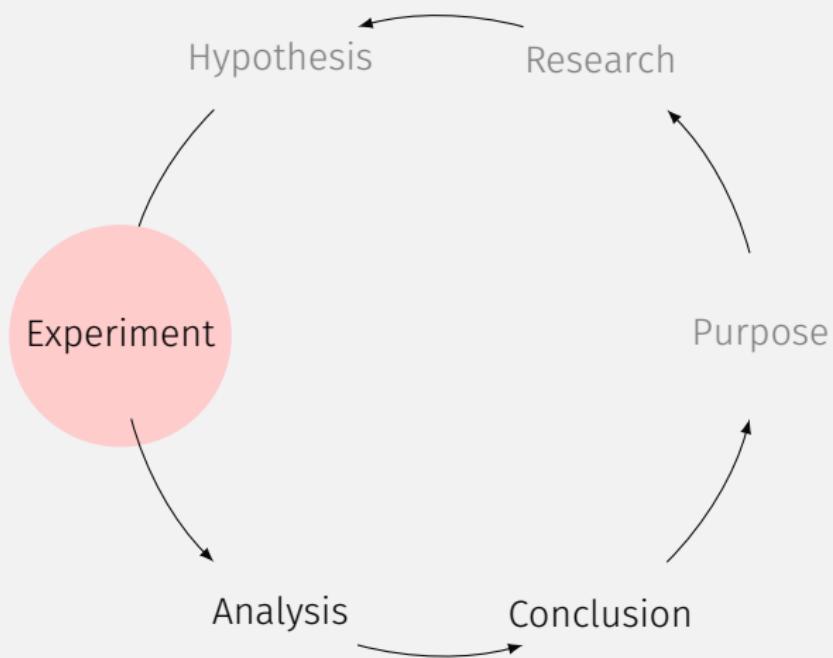
We will now study effect of shortening the camera on the image.
Let's cut the cup along the slit.



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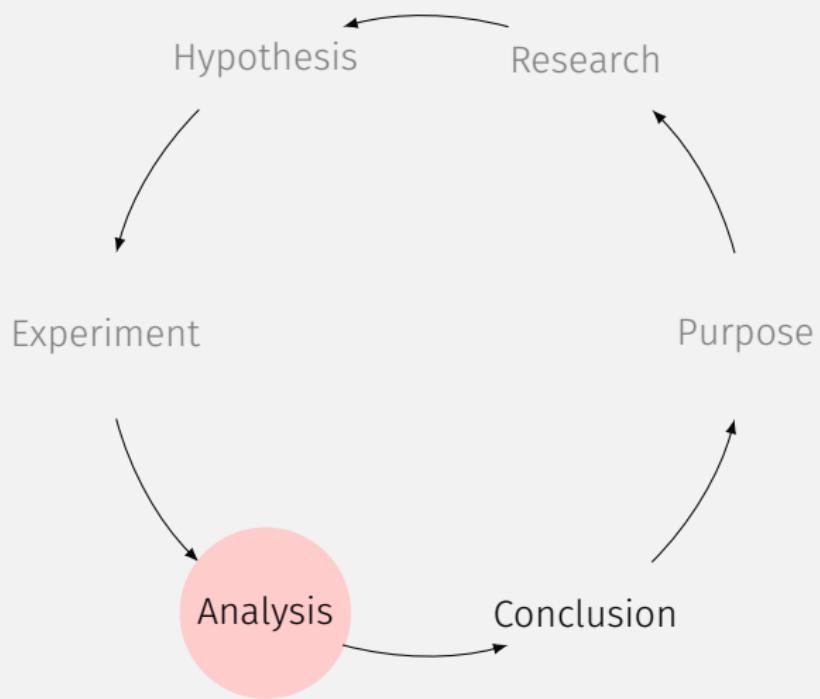


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What happens when you move the screen closer to the pinhole?
Does the image get bigger or smaller?

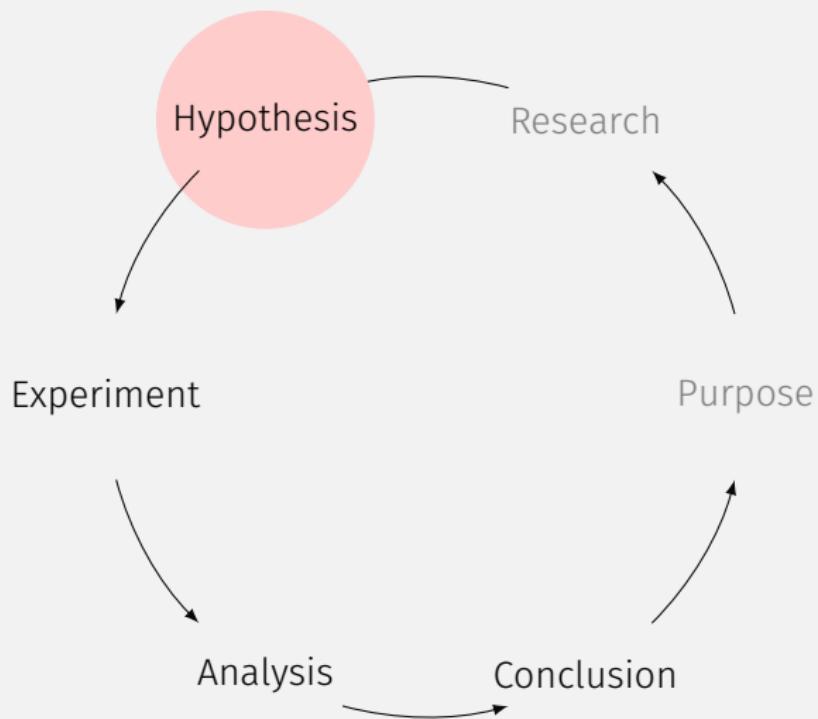
EFFECT OF PINHOLE SIZE

GUESS WHAT HAPPENS?

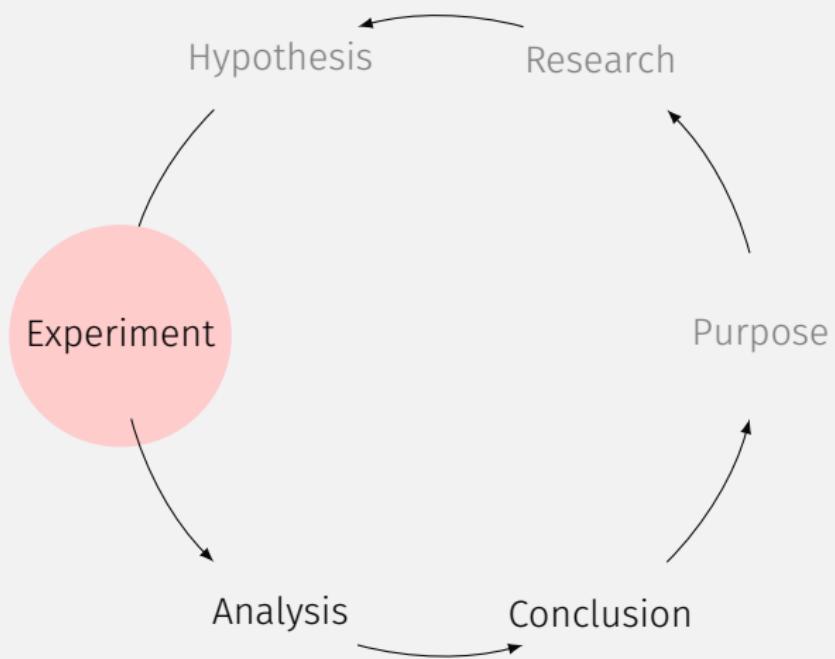
... if we make the pinhole a little bigger.



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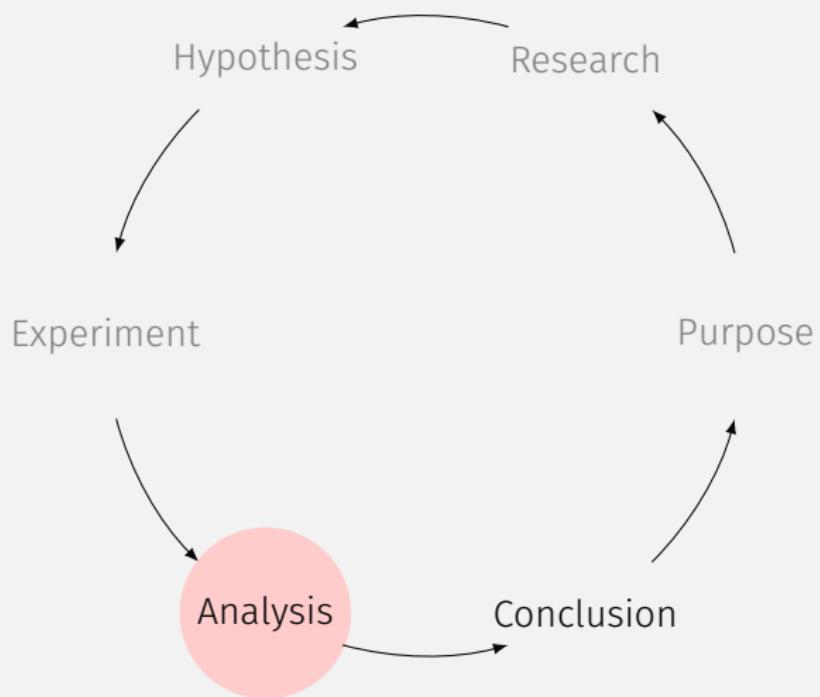


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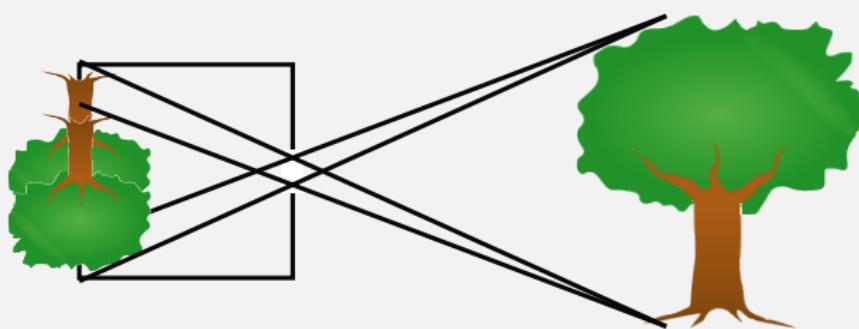
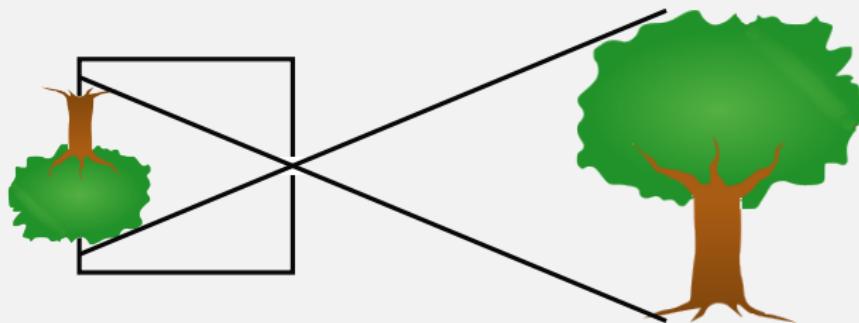
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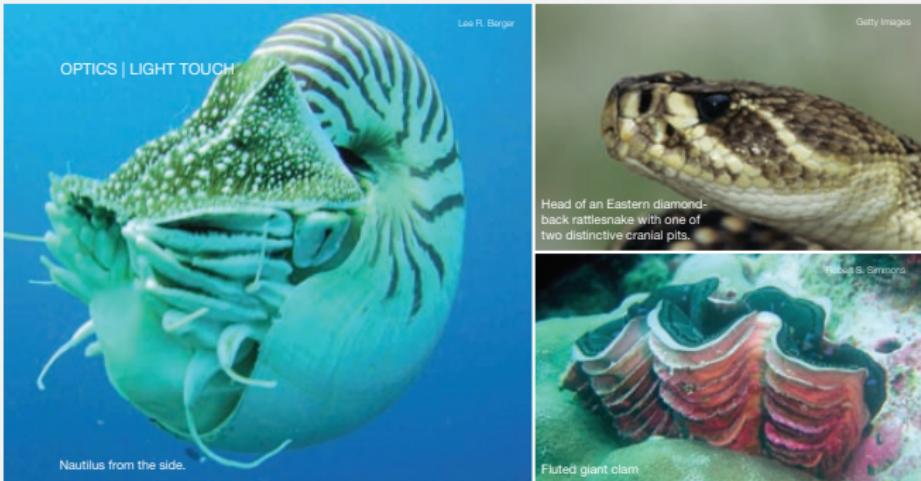
GUESS WHAT HAPPENS?

... if we make the pinhole a little bigger.
Image becomes brighter but blurred

WHY?



FUN FACT!!



The Eye in the Spiral: Animals with Pinhole Visual Systems

Stephen R. Wilk



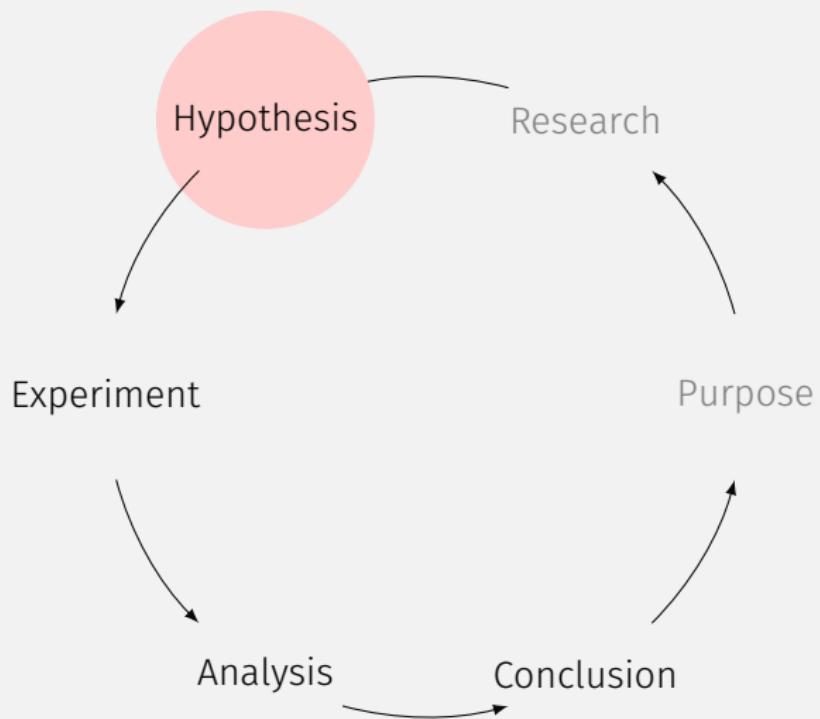
NUMBER OF PINHOLES

GUESS WHAT HAPPENS

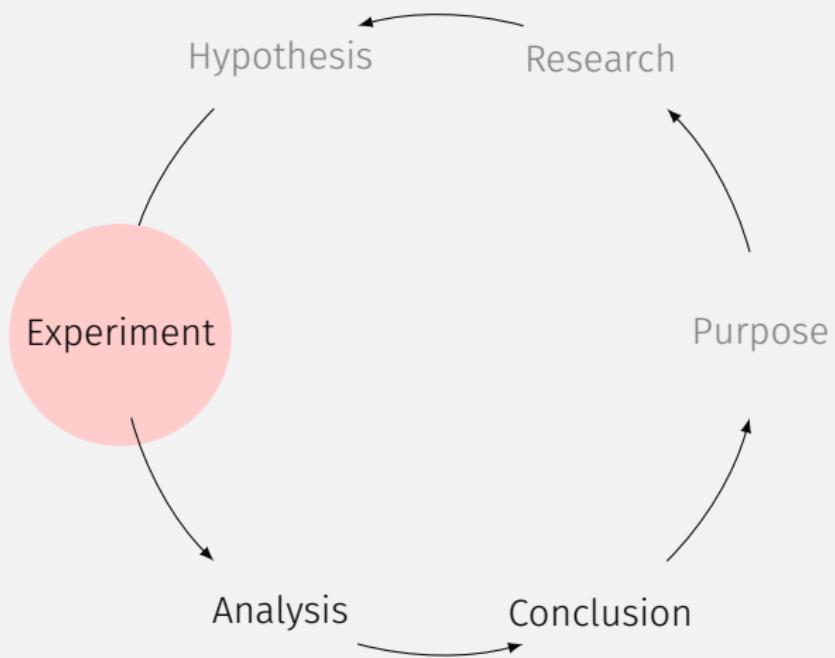
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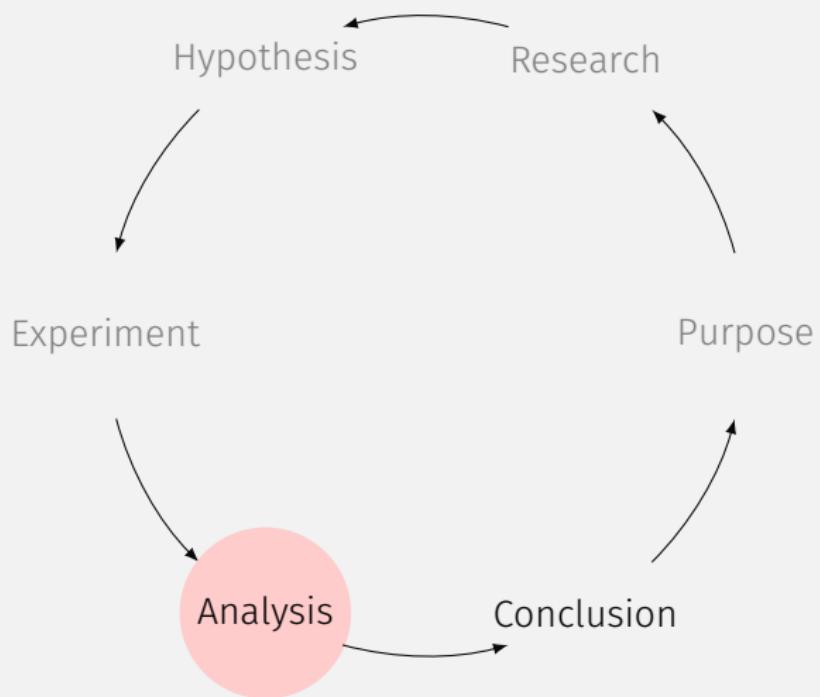


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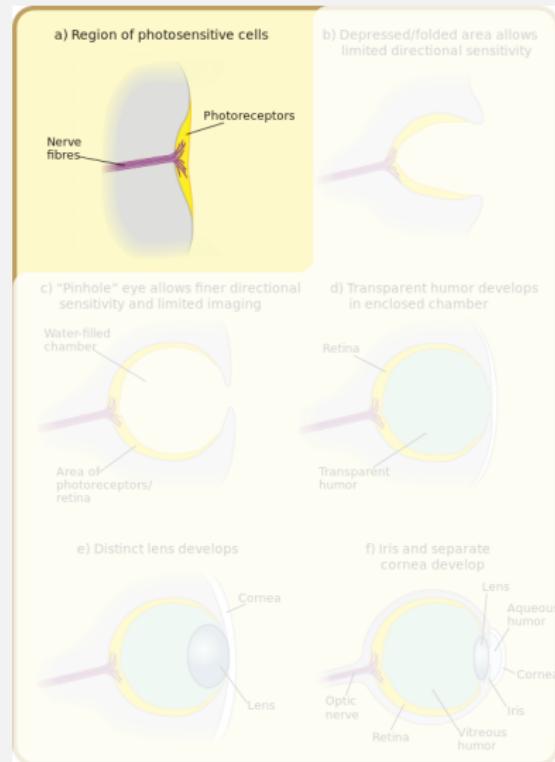
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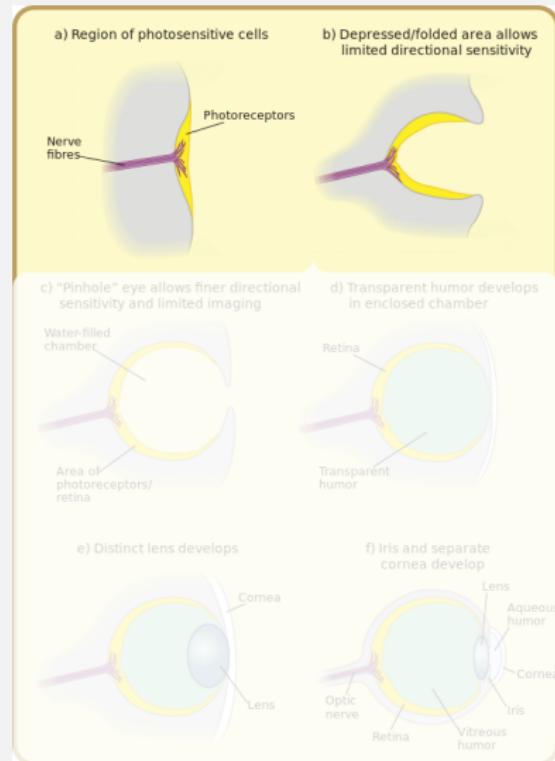
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Did you get multiple images?

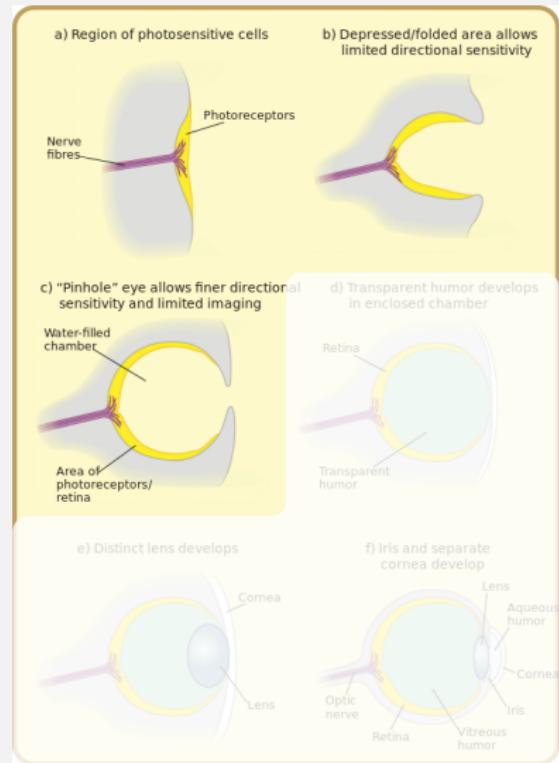
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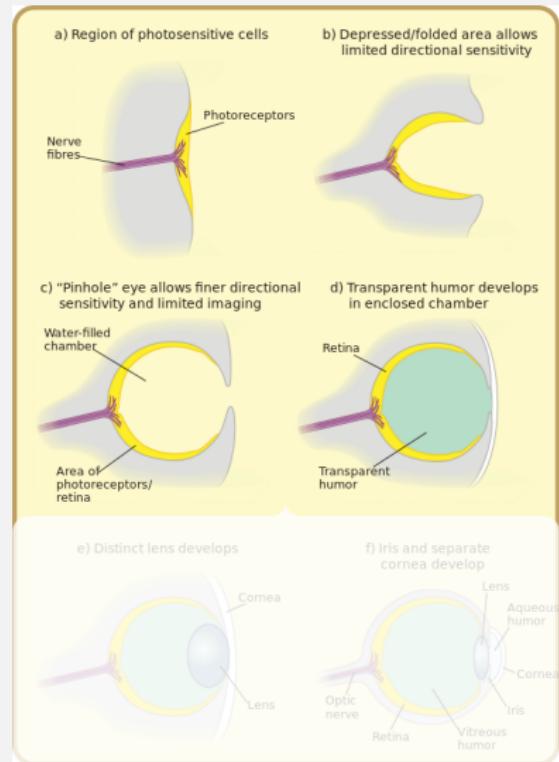
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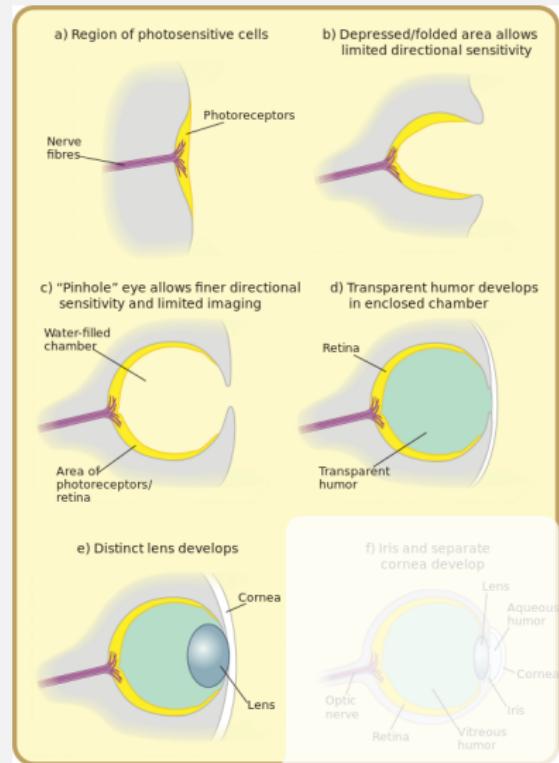
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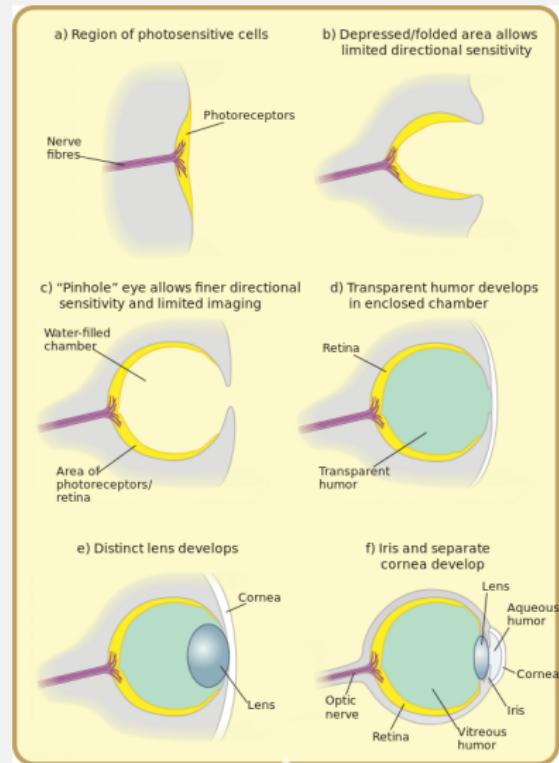
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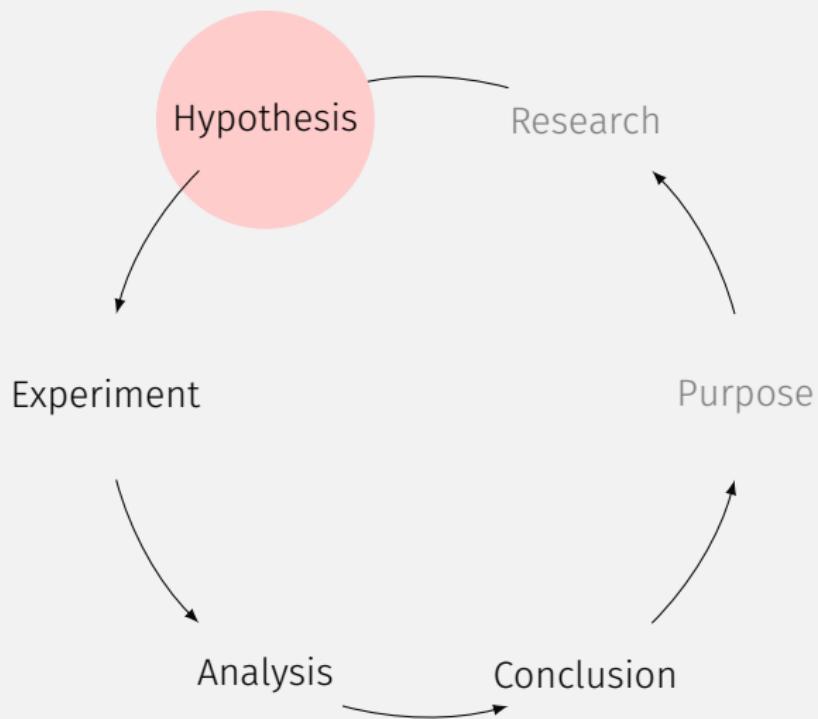


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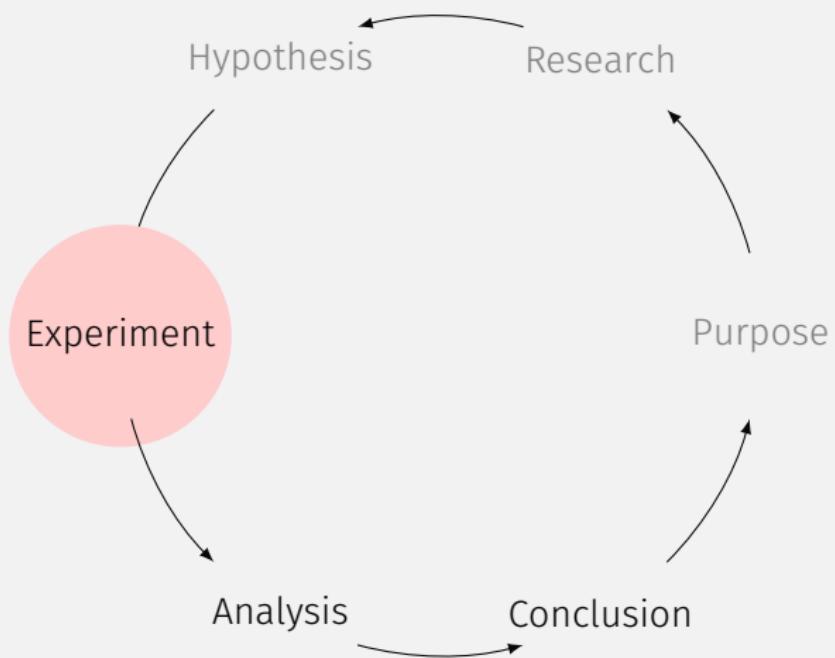
We want to find a lens that will make our camera better.



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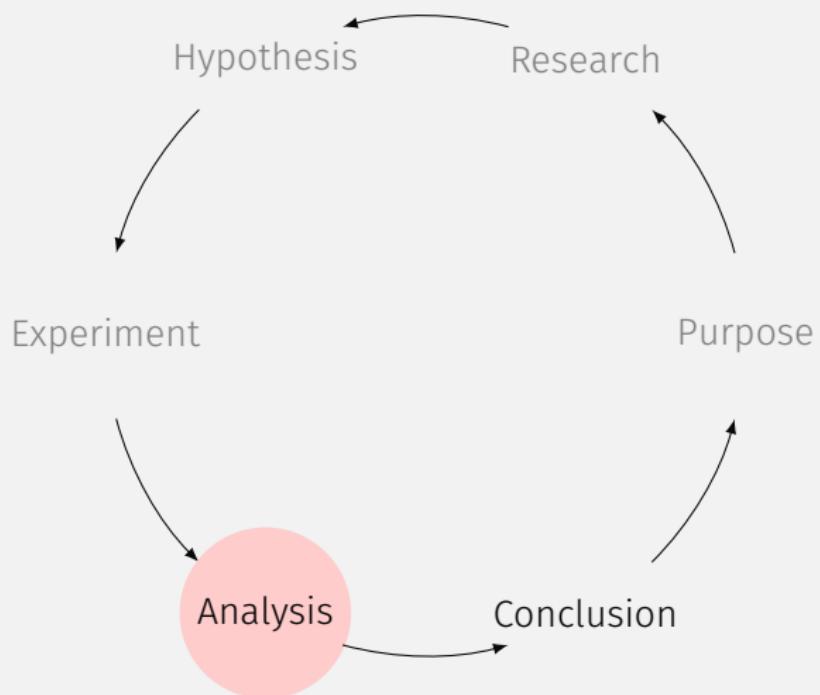


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LENSES

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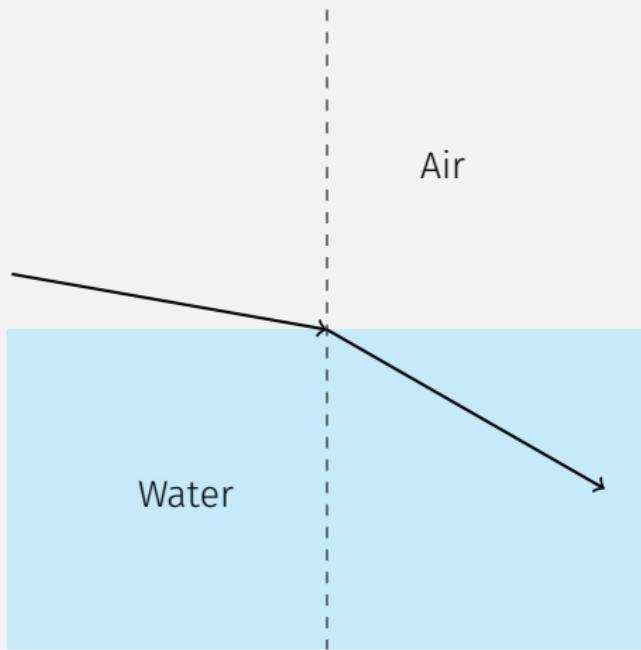
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Do you see all images merging into one?
What happened?

UNDERSTANDING REFRACTION

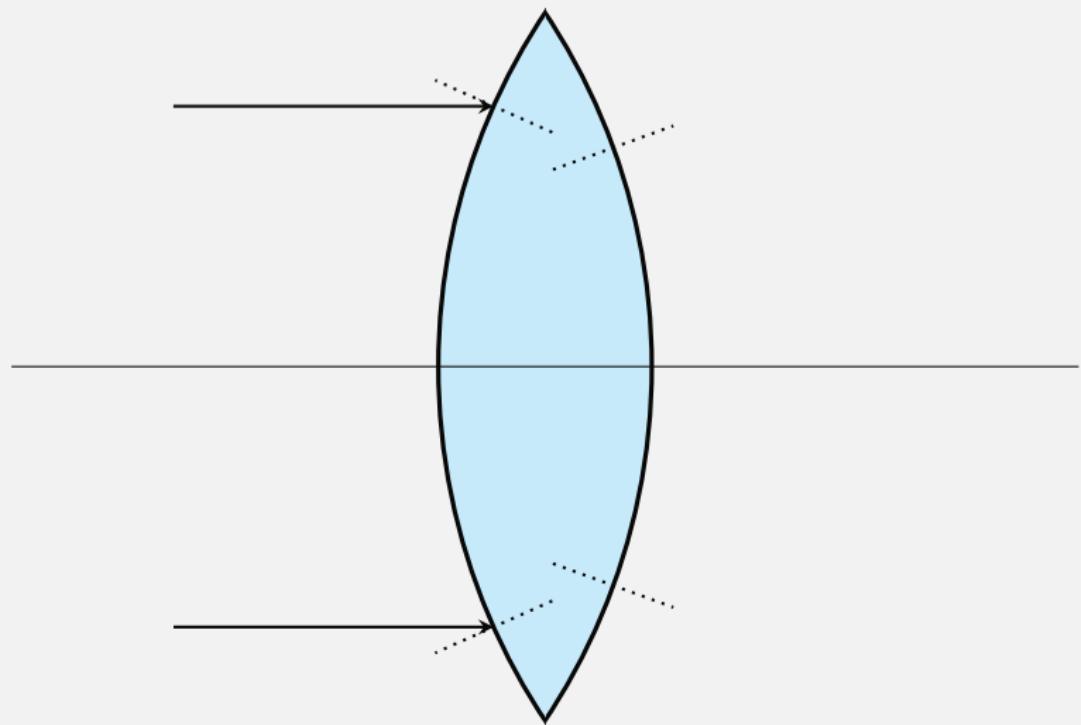


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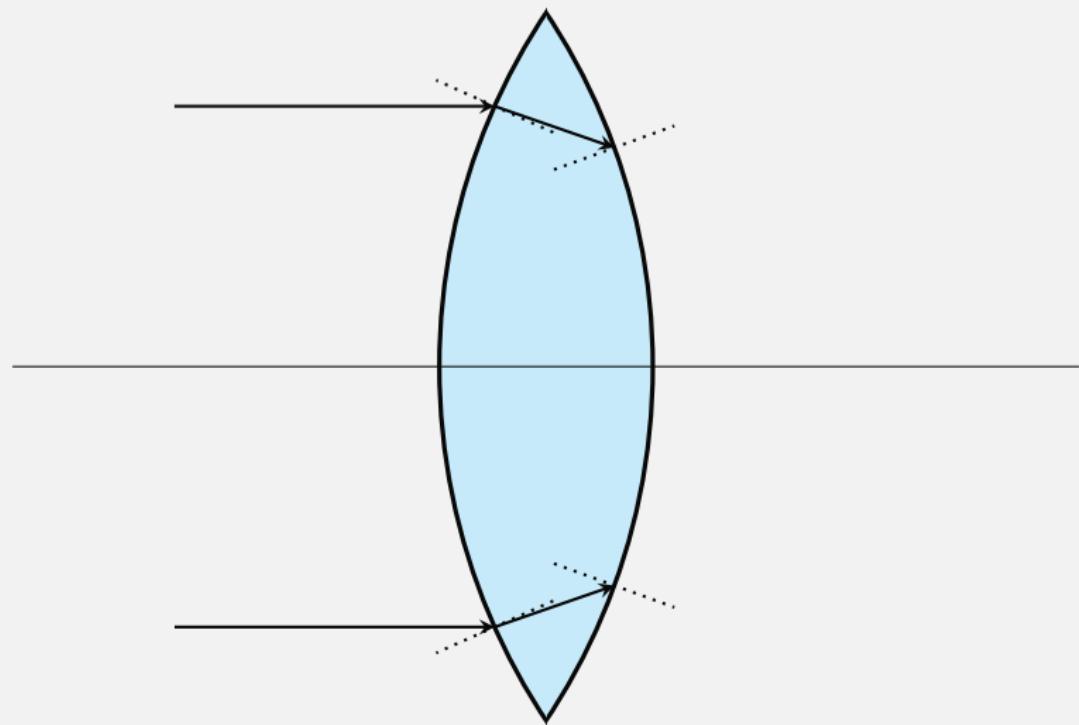
Light bends when it crosses boundaries



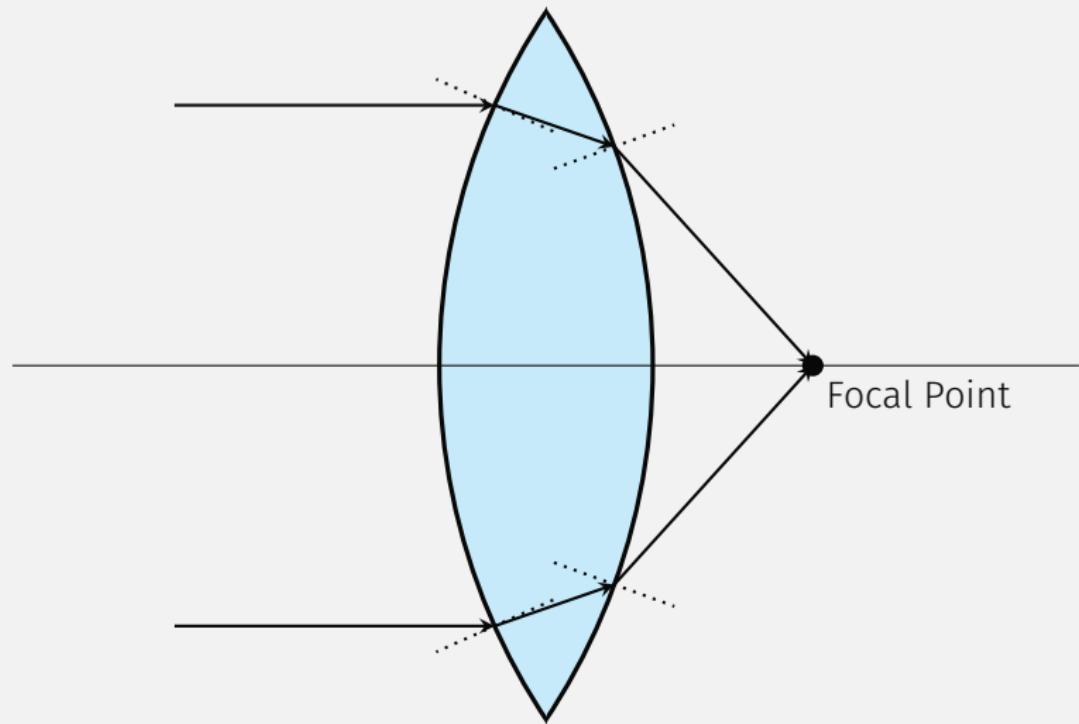
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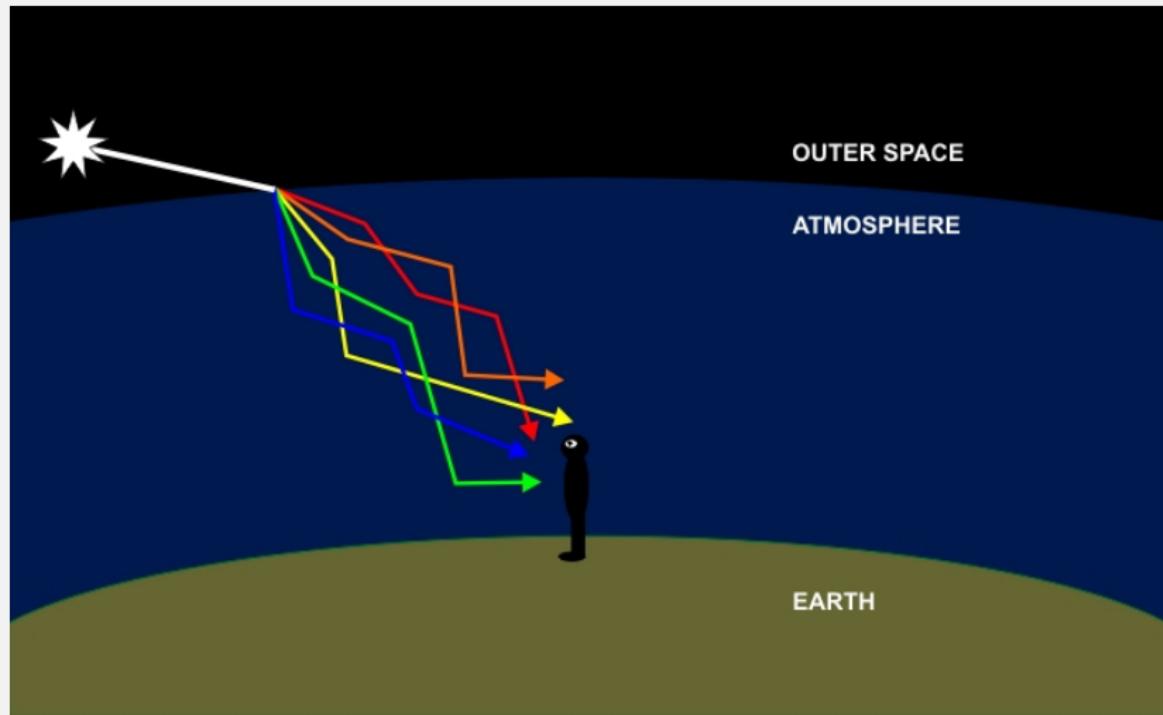
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REFRACTION IN NATURE: TWINKLING STARS



QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- What is colored light?
- Why do we see things in color?
- How is rainbow formed?

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