

Science Experiment Manual

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A collection of 167 quick and inexpensive science activities guaranteed to rocket launch your brain into a higher state of Ah-HA!

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"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."

-- Albert Einstein



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