Learning Target S8P4. I can develop and use models to demonstrate the effects that lenses have on light and their possible technological applications.
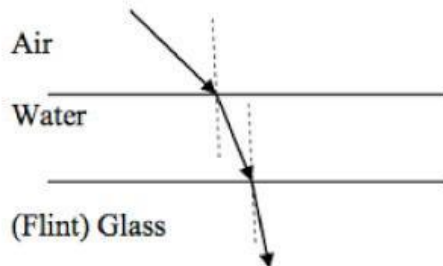
Exploring Light & Lenses Interactive Activity

Objective:
Students will explore the effects that lenses have on light and their possible technological applications.

Part 1: Understanding Light

1. **Diagram Analysis:** Below is a diagram showing the path of light as it travels through different media (air, water, and glass). Study the diagram and answer the following questions:
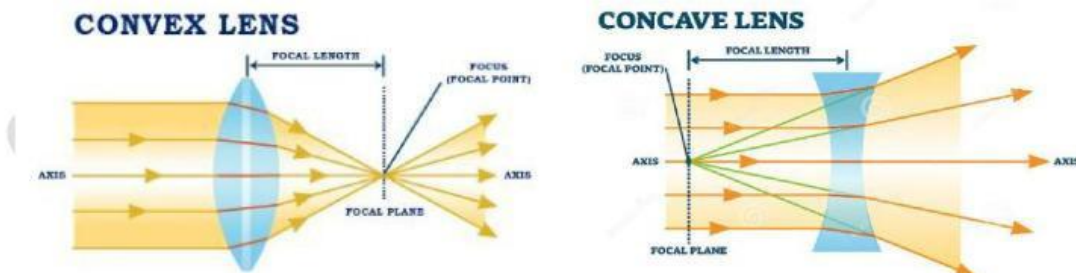

Air

Water

(Flint) Glass

Questions:

o What happens to the speed of light as it moves from air into water? _____
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o Explain why the light ray bends when it enters the glass from the water. _____
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o In which medium (air, water, or glass) does light travel the fastest? _____

Part 2: Types of Lenses

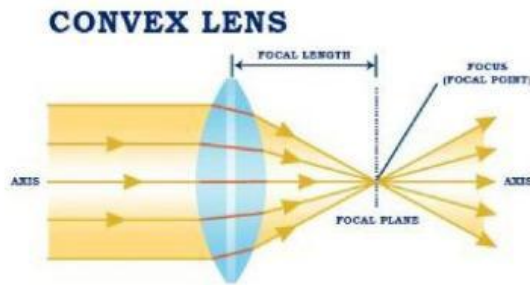2. **Lens Identification:** Below are images of two types of lenses: convex and concave.

CONVEX LENS

CONCAVE LENS

Activity:

o Identify which lens focuses light rays to a point. _____
o Identify which lens spreads light rays apart. _____
o Describe one real-world application of each type of lens. _____
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3. **Predicting Light Paths:** Below is a chart showing the direction of light rays passing through a convex lens. Use the chart to predict the direction of light rays for a concave lens.
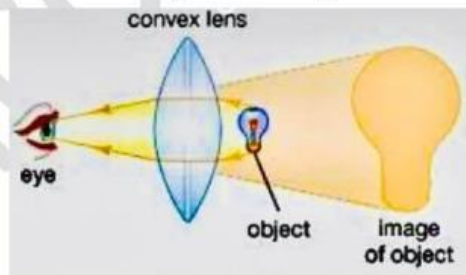

CONVEX LENS

Questions:

- How would the light rays behave differently with a concave lens? _____
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- Draw your prediction for the path of light through a concave lens.

  Concave Lens Drawing

Part 3: Experiment Simulation

4. **Experiment Setup:** Below is a diagram of an experiment setup with a light source, a convex lens, and a screen.

Questions:

- If the lens is moved closer to the light source, how will the size of the image on the screen change? _____
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- What happens to the image if the lens is replaced with a concave lens? _____
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