

# Gellerisms

## on the ACT Science Test

- You do NOT have to be a science major to achieve a satisfactory score on the ACT Science Test. It is more a test of reading comprehension and chart analysis than it is a science test.
- Because the task is to read seven passages and answer forty questions in thirty-five minutes, the most advantageous procedure is vital. Do NOT read every word and look at every chart or graph before focusing on the questions. Using that method will probably prevent your finishing on time.
- Try other methods:
  1. Read the explanations about the experiment(s) conducted but do NOT study the charts. Begin answering the questions. They will direct you back to the charts; there is NOT time to look at them twice.
  2. Immediately begin answering the questions without reading any of the passage. Some ACT test-takers use this method on the first two or three passages to increase the amount of time they will have to spend on the remaining passages. Through practice you will learn which is the better method for you. In either case, underline important words in the QUESTION or you may be careless and analyze the wrong chart.
  3. One of the seven passages probably will include opposing viewpoints of two or more scientists. Compare and contrast their arguments, noting in the margins the areas of agreement and disagreement.
  4. PRACTICE and as you do, UNDERLINE, or if you're taking the test online, make SHORT notations on scratch paper.

