

about the melting or freezing point of a different substance. The molar mass and structural formula of palmitic acid is provided in Table L9.1. If you are able to use your model to make accurate predictions, then you will be able to generate the evidence you need to convince others that your model is valid.

TABLE L9.1

Molar mass and structural formulas for the substances used in this investigation

Substance	Molar mass	Structural formula
Water	18.02 g/mol	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot \text{O} \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$
Lauric acid	200.32 g/mol	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccc} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{O} \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \cdot \cdot \\ \text{H} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{O} \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \cdot \cdot \\ & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$
Palmitic acid	256.42 g/mol	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccc} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{O} \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \cdot \cdot \\ \text{H} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{O} \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \cdot \cdot \\ & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$
Oleic acid	282.46 g/mol	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccc} & \text{O} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \\ & \cdot \cdot & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ \text{O} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & = \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{H} \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$
Stearic acid	284.48 g/mol	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccc} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{O} \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \cdot \cdot \\ \text{H} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{O} \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \cdot \cdot \\ & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$

Connections to Crosscutting Concepts, the Nature of Science, and the Nature of Scientific Inquiry

As you work through your investigation, be sure to think about

- how models are used to help understand natural phenomena,
- how energy and matter flow within systems,
- the different types of investigations conducted in science, and
- the role imagination and creativity play in science.

Initial Argument

Once your group has finished collecting and analyzing your data, you will need to develop an initial argument. Your argument must include a *claim*, which is your answer to the guiding question. Your argument must also include *evidence* in support of your claim. The evidence is your analysis of the data and your interpretation of what the analysis means. Finally, you must include a *justification* of the evidence in your argument. You