

## CONCEPT: ARRHENIUS EQUATION

- The **Arrhenius Equation** investigates the \_\_\_\_\_ dependence of chemical reaction rates.

**Arrhenius Equation**

Arrhenius Equation Formula

$$k = A \cdot e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}}$$

☐ **k** = Rate Constant

☐ **A** = Frequency or \_\_\_\_\_ Factor

☐ **E<sub>a</sub>** = Activation Energy

☐ **R** = Gas Constant as \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{\text{J}}{\text{mole} \cdot \text{K}}$

- ☐ This value for the R constant is used whenever \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ are mentioned.

**EXAMPLE:** The gas-phase reaction of NO with Cl<sub>2</sub> to form NOCl and Cl has an activation energy of 7.2 kJ/mol and a frequency factor of  $8.9 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Calculate the rate constant at 110°C.

## Arrhenius Equation (Two Point Form)

- The two point form of the Arrhenius Equation shows how changing the temperature can impact the \_\_\_\_\_ (k).
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ the reaction temperature causes an \_\_\_\_\_ in the rate constant k.
- ☐ Used when dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ rate constants and \_\_\_\_\_ temperatures for a given reaction.

**Arrhenius Equation (Two Point Form)**

$$\ln \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{-E_a}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right)$$

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Initial Rate Constant

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Final Rate Constant

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Initial Temperature

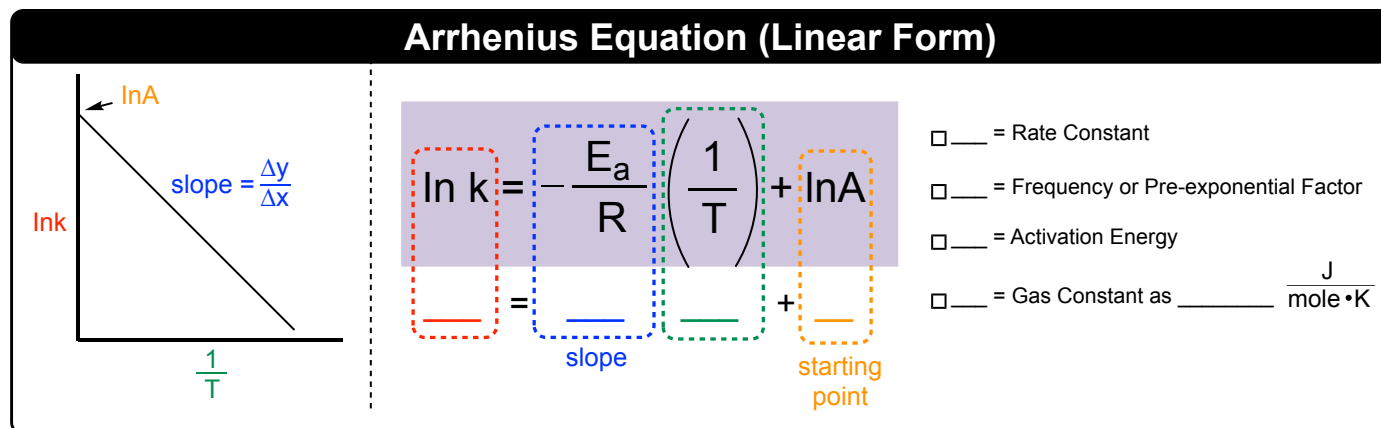
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Final Temperature

**EXAMPLE:** A chemical reaction has rate constants of  $4.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $8.1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 0°C and 20°C, respectively. What is the value of the activation energy?

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### Linear Form of Arrhenius Equation

- We use the linear form of the equation when a plot of \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_ temperature is given.
  - Used to determine the \_\_\_\_\_ of the reaction.
- Recall that the equation for a straight line is \_\_\_\_\_.



**EXAMPLE:** A plot of  $\ln k$  vs.  $1/T$  has a slope of  $-8313$ . What is the activation energy for this reaction?

**PRACTICE:** The rate constant of a reaction at  $32^\circ\text{C}$  is  $0.060/\text{s}$ . If the frequency factor is  $3.1 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , what is the activation barrier?

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**PRACTICE:** A reaction with an activation energy  $E_a = 55.00 \text{ kJ/mol}$  is run at temperature of  $30^\circ\text{C}$ . Determine the temperature required to increase the rate constant 3 times.

**PRACTICE:** The following data shows the rate constant of a reaction measured at numerous temperatures. Use the Arrhenius plot to determine the frequency factor for the reaction.

Temperature (K)	Rate Constant (1/s)
300.0	$3.37 \times 10^{-3}$
310.0	$1.08 \times 10^{-2}$
320.0	$3.21 \times 10^{-2}$
330.0	$8.96 \times 10^{-2}$
340.0	$2.35 \times 10^{-1}$