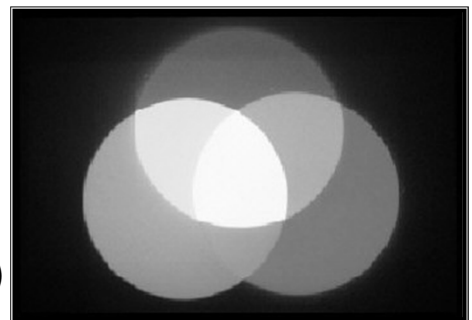


Colors of Light

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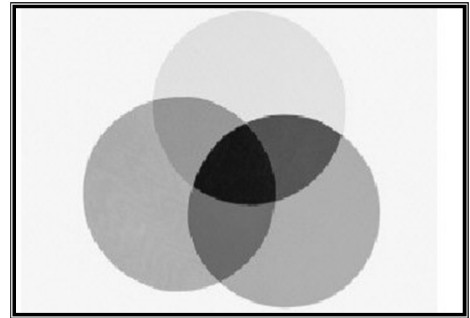
- Additive Process
- Primary Colors
 - Red
 - Blue
 - Green
- Complimentary Colors (make White)
 - Cyan (to Red)
 - Yellow (to Blue)
 - Magenta (to Green)



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Pigment Colors

- Subtractive Process
- Primary Colors
 - Cyan (Reflects Blue and Green)
 - Yellow (Reflects Red and Green)
 - Magenta (Reflects Blue and Red)
- Complimentary Colors (make Black)
 - Red (to Cyan)
 - Blue (to Yellow)
 - Green (to Magenta)



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What color will it be?

- Pigments can only reflect the colors of light that make up that color, if available. If they are not available, it will appear black.
- For example:

Red
↓
Cyan
Can Reflect
Green & Blue
Only Red is available
so it will appear
BLACK

Magenta
↓
Yellow
Can Reflect
Green & Red
Blue & Red is
available so it will
appear Red

Cyan
↓
Magenta
Can Reflect
Red & Blue
Blue & Green is
available so it will
appear Blue

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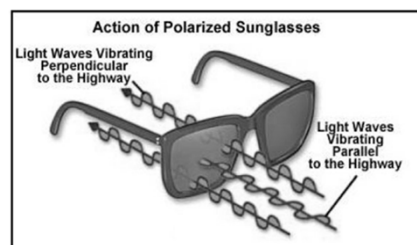
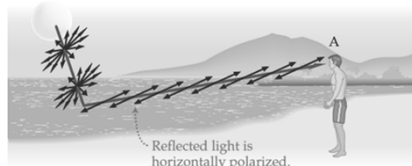
Color Examples

- What color is a yellow posted-note absorbing from white light?
 - Answer: Blue
- What color would you have to add to cyan paint to make black paint?
 - Answer: Red
- What color would a magenta tie appear if you shine yellow light on it?
 - Answer: Red
- What color would a cyan color shirt appear when you shine red light on it?
 - Answer: Black

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Polarization

- A light can be linearly polarized one of three ways.
 - Light is polarized through transmission, reflection and scattering.
- All three methods of polarization cause the confining of wave movement to one plane along the line of propagation.
- Sunglasses are effective due to the concepts of polarization.
- Only a property of transverse waves.



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