Name:

Tree Ring Dating Simulation Worksheet

| Sample | Age of Tree | Year Cut or Cored | Year Growth Began |
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1. Locate the tree ring(s) that represent the year of your birth. Which trees were alive when you were born?

Which trees had been cut down before you were born?

- 2. What is the average rainfall in Flinnville?
- 3. Was the year of your birth a good growing year?
- 4. During which span of years did the worst growing conditions exist in Flinnville? Defend your answer.
- 5. What span of years saw the most consistently good growth years? Defend your answer.
- 6. Examine the tree growth rings in the 1950's. Would you characterize the 50's as:
 - *a*. Relatively dry, poor growth conditions
 - b. Wet to average growing conditions
 - c. Very wet with excellent growing conditions

Defend your answer.

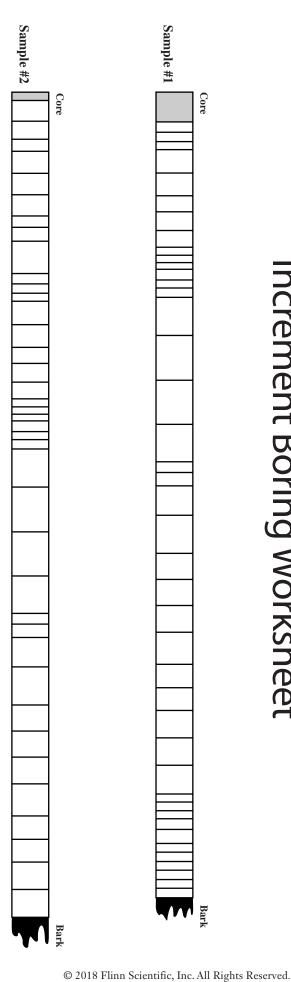
7. Average rainfall data from 1946 and 1947 were lost. What is your best guess about the rainfall in these two years? Defend your answer.

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Rainfall Data Worksheet

| Year | Rainfall Amount (in.) | Year | Rainfall Amount (in.) | Year | Rainfall Amount (in.) |
|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 1942 | 15.9 | 1963 | 13.7 | 1984 | 23.1 |
| 1943 | 17.3 | 1964 | 23.0 | 1985 | 21.8 |
| 1944 | 18.9 | 1965 | 24.7 | 1986 | 25.6 |
| 1945 | 21.7 | 1966 | 18.3 | 1987 | 20.9 |
| 1946 | | 1967 | 21.7 | 1988 | 19.7 |
| 1947 | | 1968 | 17.8 | 1989 | 24.8 |
| 1948 | 10.7 | 1969 | 11.7 | 1990 | 33.6 |
| 1949 | 11.3 | 1970 | 10.8 | 1991 | 36.1 |
| 1950 | 9.8 | 1971 | 9.9 | 1992 | 11.3 |
| 1951 | 19.1 | 1972 | 12.1 | 1993 | 10.9 |
| 1952 | 22.1 | 1973 | 11.3 | 1994 | 12.4 |
| 1953 | 25.0 | 1974 | 12.3 | 1995 | 11.8 |
| 1954 | 22.3 | 1975 | 36.7 | 1996 | 13.7 |
| 1955 | 20.2 | 1976 | 38.4 | 1997 | 11.2 |
| 1956 | 21.3 | 1977 | 34.6 | 1998 | 10.8 |
| 1957 | 20.7 | 1978 | 33.7 | 1999 | -9.8 |
| 1958 | 10.9 | 1979 | 15.4 | 2000 | 12.1 |
| 1959 | 14.3 | 1980 | 18.9 | 2001 | 10.7 |
| 1960 | 34.3 | 1981 | 29.4 | 2002 | 11.7 |
| 1961 | 19.1 | 1982 | 37.1 | | |
| 1962 | 14.1 | 1983 | 22.8 | | |





Sample #3

Core

Bark

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