How is scientific research conducted?

- Identify the components of the scientific method.
- Explain why the scientific method is a cycle.

- The <u>scientific method</u> is a way to investigate and organize knowledge
- The 5 steps of the scientific method listed in your book are:
 - •1. **QUESTION**
 - •2. MAKE HYPOTHESIS
 - •3. PREDICT
 - •4. EXPERIMENT
 - •5. DEVELOP RULES

• In real science, there is no such thing as "THE Scientific Method." Most scientific thinking involves **continuous** observations, questions, multiple hypotheses, and more observations. It seldom "concludes" and never "proves."

- A scientific <u>law</u> is formed from a hypothesis that has been tested repeatedly and never been refuted
 - Newton's Laws of Motion
 - The Law of Conservation of Energy

- An explanation based on the synthesis of scientific laws and facts is a scientific <u>theory</u>
 - **■ Atomic Theory**
 - **■** Theory of Evolution

- Scientific facts, laws, and theories are <u>NOT absolute truths</u>.
- As new information becomes available, scientific concepts are <u>adapted</u> and <u>changed</u> to reflect the latest data.