

## CHECK IT OUT

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The Moon had been hit by large asteroids.

These impacts left scars that we can see today: **impact basins** — really big craters!

Impacts from asteroids **fractured the Moon's surface**, leaving cracks - like the slits in the bowl.

## WHAT TO DO

Look at the Moon map and **find the largest features on the Moon**. These are impact basins.

**Make the bowl look like an impact basin on the Moon!**  
Break Rice Krispies Treats® into pieces and use them to make a "landscape" along the inside edges of the bowl. Leave the slits clear.

## WHAT TO ASK...

Why do these **dark areas** — maria — **not look like other craters** on the Moon?



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Long ago, the Moon had pockets of magma inside its upper layers.</b></p> <p>On Earth, active volcanos have pockets of magma beneath them. Rocks like the dark-grey Earth rock - basalt - are formed when molten rock cools. The Hawaiian Islands are made of basalt — and so are the dark-grey areas, or maria (<b>mahr-ee-uh</b>), on the Moon!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Answer these questions...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Where does lava come from on Earth?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>In general, which way do liquids — like lava — flow? Do they flow uphill? Or do they flow to low areas?</b></p>

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We will use another bowl, filled with a little chocolate syrup, to represent the pockets of magma inside the Moon's upper layers.



Pour a *small amount* (about 5 teaspoons) of chocolate syrup into the *uncut* bowl.

Press the cut bowl down into the syrup. Observe what happens.

Draw your Moon with lava oozing through the cracks to fill the basins, comic-book style, on the *Teen Moon: Moon Ooze* comic panel.

What does the syrup represent?

Where did it go?