

Talcott Mountain Science Center

Topic The Science of Magic

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Here's some information about the activities your student did with us. Links at the bottom will help you explore further. Enjoy!

What did we do (content, skills, data collection)?

[Intro to magic](#)

[What is Magic?](#)

[What is Science?](#)

[What do the two have in common / what are the differences?](#)

[The Magician's Oath](#)

[4 parts of magic - illusion, sleight, misdirection and gimmick](#)

[The telekenetic watch trick \(sleight + misdirection\)](#)

[Three card tricks - pinkie break, dog trick, Will The Cards Match?](#)

How did we do it (materials & methods)?

[\(That would be telling...\)](#)

The Oath:

["I will never give a trick away."](#)

[\(unless I "give it away" using another trick without really giving it away...\)](#)

[\(unless I'm teaching magic\)](#)

["I will never do a trick more than once in a row."](#)

[\(unless it changes astoundingly or makes it better the next time...\)](#)

Where can we find out more?

[Many common tricks are very old, and their details are in the public domain.](#)

[The favorite of many magicians is Tarbell's Course in Magic.](#)

[The PDF of this book can be downloaded here:](#)

<https://cdn.preterhuman.net/texts/manuals/magic/Harlan%20Tarbell%20-%20The%20Original%20Course%20in%20Magic%20of%20Harlan%20Tarbell.pdf>