Image Formation by Convex Mirrors Lesson Notes

Learning Outcomes

- How does light reflect off a convex mirror?
- How is an image formed by a convex mirror?

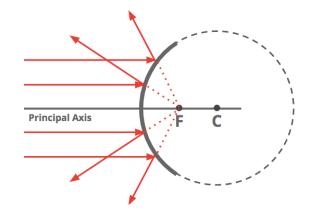
Convex Mirror Anatomy

Provide short definitions/descriptions of ..:

Principal Axis (PA):

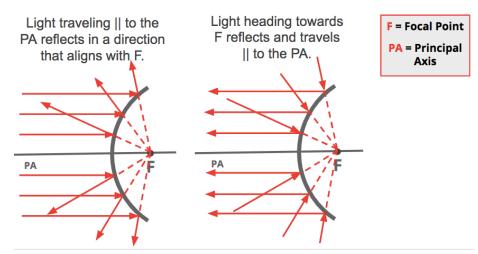
Center of Curvature (C)

Focal Point (F)



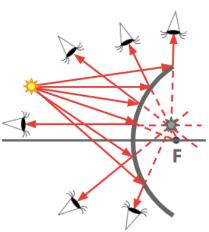
Two Rules of Reflection

Know the two rules!!!



Convex Mirror Image Formation

- To see an image you must sight at it. Light travel from the object to the mirror to your eye along your line of sight.
- An image is a representation or replica of the object that is located at the one location where it seems to every observer as though reflected light is coming from.



Virtual Images

The convex mirror image is a **virtual image**. Virtual images form when reflected light diverges. Like plane mirror images, the virtual image formed by the convex mirror is located behind the mirror.

