Your Chem30A lab draw contains litmus paper which can indicate:

- pH < 7 (acidic) when blue paper turns red
- pH > 7 (basic) when red paper turns blue

Other commercially available pH test strip kits break the pH scale (1 to 14) into smaller increments. These **litmus tests** are based on a water soluble mixture of various dyes extracted from lichens onto filter paper and dried.



In experiment #24, you will make a color indicator for pH using **red cabbage**, instead if litmus. Our indicators will be aqueous.

