Calculus, Investigation 5.4 #1

Consider the function f(t) shown in the graph to the right.

1. Find
$$\int_{-5}^{-5} f(t)dt$$
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2. Find
$$\int_{-5}^{0} f(t)dt$$
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3. Find
$$\int_{-5}^{10} f(t)dt$$
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4. Find
$$\int_{-5} f(t)dt$$
 where $x = 4$.

5. Find
$$\int_{-5}^{x} f(t)dt$$
 where $x = 8$.

6. Create a table of values to show how
$$\int_{-5}^{x} f(t)dt$$
 varies with respect to x.

7. Since the upper bound of $\int_{-5}^{x} f(t)dt$ could be many different values, the variable x is appropriate. Explain why two different letters must be used in such an integral. That is, why is it incorrect to write $\int_{-5}^{x} f(x)dx$?

- 8. Since the integral can have different values for the upper bound, consider the function $h(x) = \int_{-5}^{x} f(t)dt$. Sketch a graph of h(x) from your table of values. Add more values as you see fit.
- 9. What kind of function do you think *h*(*x*) is from looking at the graph of *h*(*x*)?







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11. Looking at your graph of h(x), does it appear that h(-10) will be positive or negative? Explain how that fits with the graph of f(t).

12. Consider the function $k(x) = \int_{-10}^{x} f(t)dt$ for the same function f(t) graphed above. How will the graphs of k(x) and h(x) compare? Why?

13. Consider the function $g(x) = \int_{5}^{x} f(t)dt$ for the same function f(t) graphed above. How will the graphs of g(x) and h(x) compare? Why?

14. For a general function $h(x) = \int_{a}^{x} f(t)dt$ where f(t) is any continuous function and *a* is a constant, explain how you think changes in *a* will affect the graph of h(x).