



Newton's apple

Did a falling apple really inspire Isaac Newton to develop his law of gravitation? Probably not, although some scholars do believe that a falling apple may have encouraged Newton to think about why objects close to Earth fall toward Earth.

Newton realized that gravity is the invisible force that causes things to fall to the ground and keeps objects held to Earth. He also realized that gravity is what keeps the universe held together. He described this force in one simple equation that he called the universal law of gravitation.