**Weather Lab #** **Rate at Which Surface Layers Heat or Freeze**

**Date: Name & Partners:**

**Purpose**: To test how different ground or water layers respond to temperature changes of heating or cooling.

**Hypothesis**: I predict that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s temperature will take the longest to heat or cool and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s temperature will take the shortest amount of time to heat or cool.

**Materials:**

-thermometers -pencil crayons -samples: soil, water, gravel, and sand

-lab report -plastic cups -pencil

**Procedure**:

1. Gather samples in a plastic cup: soil, sand, water and gravel
2. Place a thermometer in each sample and record the temperature at room temperature
3. Record outside present temperature
4. Place samples outside in direct sunlight (ideally) for 10-60 minutes.
5. Observe the temperature of each sample and record and illustrate thermometers
6. Write observations and explain results
7. Refer to your original hypothesis, confirm or refute whether correct or not and why in your conclusion

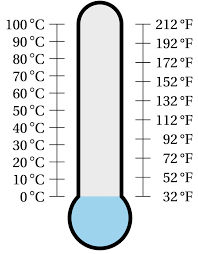
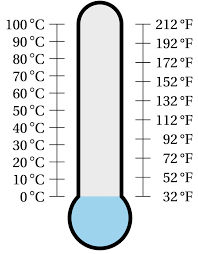
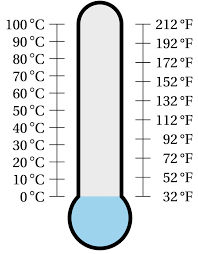
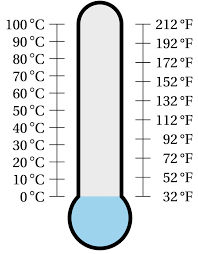
**Observations**:

Document data on the table of each sample in degrees:

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| **Samples/Material** | **Degrees at room temperature** | **Degrees in direct sunlight or being outside** |
| water |  |  |
| sand |  |  |
| soil |  |  |
| gravel |  |  |

After \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_minutes of being exposed to the sun’s rays or outside, this is the temperature of each sample:

sand soil water gravel

[](http://www.google.com/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=thermometer&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&docid=rCcpAovZns2RMM&tbnid=EUNLRV7alGuRtM:&ved=0CAcQjRw&url=http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/124144/fill-of-a-thermometer&ei=FZ0ZVI6pE9WkyASIooLYAw&bvm=bv.75558745,d.aWw&psig=AFQjCNEdu_25T-zXlgYvPvj7DPs4mK6HqQ&ust=1411051113280450)

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Explain observations and results:

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**Conclusion**:

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