

Looking into Surface Albedo

NAME: _____

An Activity from the UCAR Center for Science Education

Place the bulb of one thermometer under the light colored snow and ice part of the photo. Place the bulb of the other thermometer under the dark colored land part of the photo. (Make sure both thermometers are facing so that you can read them easily.)

What's your hypothesis?

What do you think will happen to temperature under the ice parts and the land parts of the photo?

Collect data!

Use the table below to help you collect temperature data.

Time	Temperature under ice picture	Temperature under land picture
0 minutes		
2 minutes		
4 minutes		
6 minutes		
8 minutes		

What do YOU think?
How is this different
than the real world?

What does the data mean?

Graph your data by plotting the points and connecting them into two lines:

- One line for the ice photo temperature
- One line for the land photo temperature

(Remember to fill in the temperature axis and the key.)

Key:
 Ice
 Land

Explain what you think it shows
in the space below.

