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The Photoelectric Effect Demonstration Worksheet

Data Table

Light Source	Electroscope and Zinc Plate		Electroscope and Copper Plate	
	Negatively Charged	Positively Charged	Negatively Charged	Positively Charged
Flashlight or incandescent lamp				
Sunlight				
Long-wave UV light				
Short-wave UV light				

Discussion Questions

1. The energy of a quantum of light is proportional to its frequency. Which UV light has higher energy—the long-wave of the short-wave? Explain.

2. How does the energy of light effect whether or not the light source can discharge a certain type of metal?

3. Which type of metal has a higher threshold energy, zinc or copper?