**Fabulous Filtration**

**Name: Class:**

How do you think we can easily and *inexpensively* clean water?

We can make a filter to clean some of the pollution out of water.

These are the materials you will need:

* 2 l Coke (or similar) bottle
* Gravel small
* Gravel large
* Sand
* Serviettes
* Old socks
* coffee filters
* Cotton wool
* Activated charcoal
* pollution substitute mixed in water (sand, food waste, bits of plastic, food colouring, cooking oil, spice etc.)

You will be using the design process to make your filter.



To begin, you need to test the filtering capacity of each filtering component. To make “polluted” water, mix water with sand, leaves, some food colouring, tiny pieces of plastic and paper and a bit of oil.

**Investigate**

Which filters/ filter combinations do you think will work best to filter out contaminants?

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| **Filter Type** | **Type of pollution removed** |
| Old sock |  |
| Cotton wool |  |
| Coffee Filter paper |  |
| Sand filter |  |
| Soil filter |  |
| Small gravel filter |  |
| Large gravel filter |  |
| Charcoal filter |  |
| Serviettes |  |

**Test**

You will need to test the individual filter components to get a general idea of their filtering abilities.

**Prediction**

I predict that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (my filter combination type e.g. sand, gravel and cotton wool) will filter the water best, because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Design**

Using the materials test above (you can use all the above or as many as you need), design the water filter best suited to successfully cleaning pollution out of water. Draw your filter in the box below, remember to label it clearly.

**Make**

It is time to make and test your filter system.

Draw a picture of your water before it goes in the filter.

 

 Before After

Describe your observations of your water BEFORE filtration (smell, colour etc):

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Describe your observations of your water AFTER filtration (smell, colour etc):

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**Evaluate**

My prediction was right/wrong? Why?

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Did the filter work as expected? Explain.

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Would you drink this water? Why?

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Do you think the filtered water is clean enough to put into a river? Explain.

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What could you change in your filter to make it more efficient?

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**Communicate**

Write down all the steps needed to make your filter.

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Can you think of some clever ways to help clean our water in our rivers and dams?

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