Earth Science 11

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Layers of the Atmosphere

→ Draw and describe each of the five layers of the Earth's Atmosphere. (See pg. 480-483 in your textbook.)

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160 -	-	Layer Name:	MESOSPHERE	Altitude (km):
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		Layer Name:	STRATOSPHERE	Altitude (km):
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		Layer Name:	TROPOSPHERE	Altitude (km):
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sea level				

Follow-up Questons:

- 1. What is air? (page 480, topic 3)
- 2. List the names and percentages of the main gases for dry air in the lower atmosphere. (page 480, topic 3)
- 3. On what basis is the atmosphere divided into four layers? (page 481, topic 5)
- 4. a. On what basis is the ionosphere named? (page 482, topic 6)
- b. How does it help radio communication? (page 482, topic 6)
- c. Explain how radio communication can be disrupted. (page 482, topic 6)
- d. Describe what causes Auroras. (page 482, topic 6)