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Lab Title: Exploring Current

Problem: How does current around a circuit compare?

<u>Materials:</u> small light bulb, electric cells (2), electric cell holder, switch, connecting wires, ammeter, voltmeter

Procedure:

- 1. Connect a light bulb to the electric cells with a switch in series. Connect the switch to the negative end of the source before the light bulb
- 2. Insert an ammeter in to the circuit between the switch and the light bulb
- 3. Draw a circuit diagram of your circuit.
- 4. Draw an arrow to indicate the flow of electrons
- 5. Close the switch. Measure the current entering the light bulb
- 6. Open the switch, remove ammeter and place on the other side of the light bulb (between light bulb and positive terminal). Make a prediction on how the current on this side of the light bulb will compare to the current from the other side

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Drawing of Circuit Diagram					

		Current		
	1 cell	2 cells		
Before Load				
After Load				
With No Load				

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Results:

1. How does the current entering the light bulb compare to the current leaving the light bulb?

2. Based on your results, draw a conclusion about how the electrons entering the light bulb compare to the electrons leaving the light bulb.