AIM:

1. Flowing Water: Rivers and Streams

a. Headwaters	<u>b. Downstream</u>
 high elevation colder water (a lot of melting snow) steeper and faster more DO (from natural aeration) algae, mosses, trout 	 low elevation slower moving warmer less DO more turbidity (more suspended solids) large population of producers (including rooted plants) catfish, carp



Thermal Stratification

layering of water based on temperature

In summer and winter lake water becomes more stratified because of the density of water and how it is affected by solar energy. This creates а distinct boundary (thermocline) between cold bottom waters, and the warm water near the top of the lake. Turnover occurs when the temperatures change in the intermediate seasons of fall and spring to allow for a more full convection cell without distinct layering.

3. Nutrient Levels

- a. oligotrophic nutrient poor low turbidity / high transparency with rock & gravel bottom NY Examples Lake George in Adirondacks, Skaneateles Lake (Finger Lakes Region)
- b. mesotrophic "transitioning" and becoming more nutrient-rich
- c. eutrophic nutrient rich, high turbidity, wide littoral zone, shallow, warmer lakes LI Example: Lake Ronkonkoma