LAYERS OF THE EARTH

INNER CORE

The inner core is like a huge metal ball of iron and nickel. It is over 9000° F. and it is over 750 miles thick!

OVTER CORE

The outer core is a liquid layer of iron, nickel, sulphur and oxygen that is 8000-10,000 ° F. It is over 1300 miles thick!

This layer is composed of the lithosphere, asthenosphere and mesosphere. Convection currents in the mantle cause the earth's plates to move It's 1800 miles thick! Rocks are partially melted and move very slowly.

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EARTH'S CRUST

The crust is the solid outer layer and is made up of both oceanic and continental crust. Oceanic crust is made of heavier minerals and sinks below the lighter thicker continental crust. The crust is 3-30 miles thick!

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