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### DRAW THE CHARGES IN THE WALL.

More positive close to the balloon, more negative away from balloon. Total number of positives and negatives are EQUAL!



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