The Mystery of the Periodic Table

Is Elementary, my dear Watson!

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OVERVIEW

I. **CONTENT:** (Why is this unit important? What are the essential concepts in this unit?)
The essential concept of this unit is the Periodic Table of the Elements. The study of its organization and history leads to understanding of the elements based on their properties, reactivity pattern and electron structure.

II. **PROCESS:** (How are the thinking skills developed?)
Modeling, Inquiry based laboratory explorations, Recognition of trends, patterns and relationships, Application of these relationships leading to better understanding of real world chemistry

III. **PRODUCT:** (What will kids do/know as a result of this unit?)
Better understanding of the scientific method
Demonstrate the relationship between the location of an element on the Periodic Table to its properties, real world uses and electronic structure
Symbols matched to element name
Periodic trends and common nomenclature

**Unit Overview: Alignment with National/State/District Pupil Performance Standards**

Benchmark 1: Mendeleev developed a prototype of the modern Periodic Table.

Benchmark 2: Atomic structure determines placement on the table, reactivity and the properties of matter.

Benchmark 3: Substances have characteristic chemical properties such as pH, density and reactivity.

Benchmark 4: Minerals and rocks have worldwide use and economic importance.

**I-SEARCH INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS**

1. **PARADOXES:**
Imagine that in 1896, the United Sates Government closed the patent office stating that everything had already been discovered, at that time we had telegraph, piped gas and flush toilets. There was nothing new left to discover or invent. Research how Mendeleev was able to construct the Periodic Table in spite of this prevailing notion.
Show the results of your search on a picture cube.

2. **ATTRIBUTES:**
Choose 20 elements and find the origin of the name and symbol.
Product: Prepare a display for students in the class.

3. **ANALOGIES:**
Compare and contrast the Alkali metals to the Alkaline earth metals.
Product: write a poem

4. **DISCREPANCIES:**
How are synthetic elements made and what labs are currently doing the research?
Research the cost and who is funding the research.
Product: Present your findings in a press conference.

5. **PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS:**
What would life be like if organic molecules were based on silicon instead of carbon?
Product: Create a mural.

6. **EXAMPLES OF CHANGE:**
Silicon is an extremely abundant element on the earth. Find its different locations and forms. Learn how it changes from one form to another.
Product: Database of your findings

7. **EXAMPLES OF HABIT:**
How can we change petrochemical dependence? In the recent past, a shortage of energy provoked increased drilling. As we deplete our fossil fuel reserves, we will ultimately need to find other sources of energy. Where should we look in the future?
Product: Create a survey of energy sources and uses: conduct the study.

8. **ORGANIZED RANDOM SEARCH:**
Design an element and describe what properties it would have and what applications you would use it for.
Product: A petition to the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (I.U.P.A.C.) to recognize your element

9. **SKILLS OF SEARCH:**
Research the nature of plasma, the fourth state of matter.
Product: Give a puppet show to exhibit your findings.

10. **TOLERANCE FOR AMBIGUITY:**
What is space-time?
Product: a fact tile

11. **INTUITIVE EXPRESSION:**
Democritus had a hunch that matter was made of atoms. What do you think led him to believe this and how was his idea different from Aristotle’s.
Product: Deliver a soliloquy from Democritus explaining your ideas.

12. **ADJUSTMENT TO DEVELOPMENT:**
How was nitroglycerin developed? How did it’s inventors learn from their mistakes?
Product: Illustrate a comic strip describing the development of nitroglycerin and some of the experiences/lessons learned by the scientists who worked on it.

13. **STUDY CREATIVE PEOPLE AND PROCESS:**
Choose a scientist whom you believe was very creative.
Product: Perform a skit that demonstrates the event that made that individual great and exhibits their creativity.

14. **EVALUATE SITUATIONS:**
Imagine a planet where ice is denser than liquid water.
Product: Illustrate a story to explain some of your thoughts.

15. **CREATIVE READING SKILL:**

16. **CREATIVE LISTENING SKILL:**
Learn the skill of generating ideas by listening.
Listen for information allowing one thing to lead to another.
17. **CREATIVE WRITING SKILL:**
   Learn the skill of communicating ideas in writing.
   Learn the skill of generating ideas through writing.

18. **VISUALIZATION SKILL:**
   Express ideas in visual forms.
   Illustrate thoughts and feelings.
   Describe experiences through illustrations.

**CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS – ACADEMIC**
**ANALYZING HUMAN ACTIVITIES! (AHA!)**

STATE STANDARD # C7  Students will understand that major scientific breakthroughs may link large amounts of knowledge, build upon the contributions of many scientists and cross different lines of study.
AK State Std. Geography A1, F1; Employability Std. B2

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:  How does the Universal Theme of **Producing, Exchanging and Distributing** create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

1. **PRODUCING, EXCHANGING, AND DISTRIBUTING** [ECONOMICS]

   **KNOWLEDGE:**
   **Anticipatory Set:** Sing the **ELEMENT SONG** by Tom Lehrer
   **Students will:** locate the named elements from the song in the Periodic Table by symbol.

   **COMPREHENSION:**
   Identify by brainstorming what elements are economically valuable and where are they found in Alaska and around the world.

   **APPLICATION:**
   **Anticipatory Set:** **Diamonds are a Girl’s Best Friend, James Bond Diamonds are Forever**
   **Students will:** Research the recovery of diamonds, locations of mines, work conditions
   **Class/team product:** Help wanted ad “Come work in my diamond mine”
   **Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link:** Where are the DeBeer’s Diamond Mines located and where is the diamond market? What drives the advertising and sales of diamonds?
   **Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link:** Research the economics of mining.
   **School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link:** Mining as an occupation

   **HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):**
   **Anticipatory Set:** Movie clip **Death Hunt** with Charles Bronson or White Fang showing trading gold for food
   **Students will:** Identify an element that is mined or harvested.
   **Class/team/individual product:** Produce a world map with a legend showing locations of mines and the locations of the economic markets for the products. Student will predict the economic status of the communities at these different locations based on their findings.

   **INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:**
   Reaction to coal mine rescue July 2002

   **HOMELINK:**
   Can you find someone who worked in a mine during their life to find out what it was like?

   Book: **Frozen Lady** by Susie Arnot
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Universal Theme of Transportation create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

2. TRANSPORTATION

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: clip from Space 1999 with Martin Landau; the scene where the moon leaves orbit
Students will: Identify the Radioactive Elements, their uses and disposal problems.

COMPREHENSION:
Summarize current or possible disposal techniques of radioactive waste.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: Half-Life Lab experience to collect data exhibiting exponential decay. (M&M Lab)
Students will: Perform lab
Class/team product: Each lab group will graph of their data. Using their graph, they will predict the length of time necessary for the decay of given amounts of uranium.
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: What has occurred to the Native population around Yucca Mountain? Can find the location of Yucca Mountain and surrounding reservation on a map.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: What happened during the testing of Alaska natives with radioactive iodine and what were the repercussions?
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Speaker with career in Nuclear Medicine and cancer treatment.

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: Nuclear café clip, Simpson’s clip in the nuclear power plant, or China syndrome
Students will: Present emergency preparedness plan for an Arizona community along transport route to Yucca Mountain
Class/team/individual product: You will do the emergency broadcast on the radio or television in the event of a radioactive leak.

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
Response to an emergency broadcast announcement.

HOMELINK:
Talk to someone who was involved in nuclear safety drills when they were young.
Are there any radioactive elements in your home?

Alaska State Standards Science D2, Language Arts A2, A5, B1, B2, C2, Technology A2, Government C7

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Universal Theme of Communications create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

3. COMMUNICATIONS

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: Verizon commercial
Students will: List elements used in communication technology.

COMPREHENSION:
Compose a poem or song demonstrating how elements are used in communication.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: Clip from Back to the Future
**Students will:** What would have happened if certain elements had not been discovered?

**Class/team product:** Write a fairy tale about an alternate future without one of those elements.

**Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link:** Examine how cultures without technology communicate.

**Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link:** Investigate pH and cell communication.

**School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link:** Invite a telecommunications specialist to explain the effect of solar flares on communications satellites.

**HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):**

- **Anticipatory set:** News clips of Whales and the U.S. Navy’s new sonar communication.
- **Students will:** Choose a position for or against this development by the Navy.
- **Class/team/individual product:** Oral defense in class discussion/debate.

**INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:**
With the atomic number given to you, determine the period, group and properties of your element.

**HOMELINK:**
When was the first time someone at home remembers using e-mail to communicate?

Alaska State Std. Science A9, Language Arts A4, A5, Government C7

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION:** How does the Universal Theme of **Protecting and Conserving** create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

4. **PROTECTING AND CONSERVING**

**KNOWLEDGE:**

- **Anticipatory Set:** Dump out the garbage collected in the classroom on the table.
- **Students will:** Sort the garbage and identify recyclable items.

**COMPREHENSION:**
What do these items become? Students will investigate the life cycle of a product, showing their results on a concept map.

**APPLICATION:**

- **Anticipatory Set:** Banana Slugs recycling song, John McCutcheon *One Man’s Trash…*, Rounder Records
- **Students will:** Recycle for a week in the classroom and at home.
- **Class/team product:** Create a functional product with their recycled items.
- **Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link:** Examine landfills in other countries.
- **Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link:** Determine the amount of garbage that could be recycled in other classrooms based on the study of your own class’s garbage.
- **School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link:** Speaker from Municipal Waste Management about the recycling program.
  
  Speaker from ALPAR, the Recycling Center or one of the small recycling companies locally.

**HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):**

- **Anticipatory set:** Description of local recycling effort.
- **Students will:** Research the data on recycling in Anchorage, Alaska
- **Class/team/individual product:** Write an editorial to the paper on the feasibility of recycling more in Anchorage.

**INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:**
What is your position on recycling? Support your idea.
HOMELINK:
Recycle at home for a week. Weigh your garbage. Make a pie chart of your results.

STATE STANDARD Language Arts A6, A7, Technology A2

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Universal Theme of Providing Education create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

5. PROVIDING EDUCATION

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: clip of what makes a good teacher from Roger Taylor or any of the films on teaching.
Students will: Identify the components of a good lesson.

COMPREHENSION:
Write a lesson on an element, family or group. Practice on peers. Collect peer reviews and refine lesson.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: Each team will prepare an anticipatory set for their lesson.
Students will: Teach their lesson to an elementary class.
Class/team product: Individual demonstration or hands on learning activity.
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Address the cultural needs of your bilingual students.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: What is your responsibility as a teacher in our community?
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Videotape or digitally record your lesson.

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: Clip from Helen Keller Miracle Worker
Students will: Revise your lesson to accommodate special needs such as a physical disability or gifted learners.
Class/team/individual product: Make revisions to your lesson.

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
Self-evaluation on what you did well.

HOMELINK:
Discuss your experience with your family.

STATE STANDARD Science A1, B1, B2, Technology C2, Employability B2

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Universal Theme of Making and Using Tools and/or Technology create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

6. MAKING AND USING TOOLS AND/OR TECHNOLOGY

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: 2001: Space Odyssey clip from the beginning.
Students will: List tools used in the past compared to tools used today. Learn the names of common chemistry tools.

COMPREHENSION:
How do we use tools to distinguish between compounds, elements and mixtures?
APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: Copper/ silver nitrate demo.
Students will: Perform separation lab.
Class/team product: Lab Report
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Profile a scientist who developed one of these tools. Write a jingle.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: Hypothesize the uses for various mystery tools demonstrated by the teacher.
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Speaker from the Crime Lab

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: Magic School bus at the waterworks
Students will: Perform a water reclamation lab
Class/team/individual product: The best tasting water wins. (The teacher is the taste tester after each team tries its own water.)

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
Show the apple demo about how much water on the planet is potable.
Reflect on how you use water in your daily life.

HOMELINK:
Find out where your water comes from.

STATE STANDARD Science A9, B1, B2 Culture B1, B2, Art B1, B2, Language arts C1, C2, C5

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Universal Theme of Providing Recreation create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

7. PROVIDING RECREATION

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: Read portion of Jack London’s to Build a Fire where the snow falls and puts out his fire.
Students will: Participate in a cold stuff investigation: what substance makes the best insulator? Research which organic molecules act most like a down coat.

COMPREHENSION:
Students make one of two slogans, choosing either of the following statements. 1. Explain the difference between convection, radiation and conduction 2. Explain the difference between carbohydrate, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: clip from Never Cry Wolf, when the scientist gets dropped off.
Students will: Prepare a detailed illustration explaining their glove’s construction.
Class/team product: Testing gloves for insulating capacity.
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Students compare different styles of dress of Alaskan native groups and indicate insulating qualities of the materials used.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: Look at the history of fur trade in Alaska.
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: GIS global mapping

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: Clip from Cool Runnings where they compare the old sled with the new ones.
Students will: Create a storyboard that explains how a change in technology made for a change in a recreational tool.
Class/team/individual product: Storyboard

**INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:**
Write about the feature of your glove about which you are most proud.

**HOMELINK:**
Analyze gloves at home to see which the best insulators are.

STATE STANDARD Science B6, D5, Language Arts B1, Government F1, G3

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Universal Theme of **Organizing and Governing** create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

8. **ORGANIZING AND GOVERNING**

**KNOWLEDGE:**
**Anticipatory Set:** clip from *A Beautiful Mind* where Ed Harris is telling Crowe what to do.
**Students will:** Review MSDS Sheets for 10 chemicals. Arrange them from most to least hazardous.

**COMPREHENSION:**
Students summarize lab safety rules after watching safety rules video. Put on skits to exhibit the rules.

**APPLICATION:**
**Anticipatory Set:** Read article *Dihydrogen monoxide*.
**Students will:** Produce their own MSDS sheet for the most dangerous chemical known to man
**Class/team product:** MSDS sheet
**Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link:** Translate your MSDS sheet to another language or investigate how another country regulates chemicals.
**Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link:** Find what percent of chemicals are classified as hazardous.
**School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link:** Investigate what an OSHA worker does and what the qualifications are.

**HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):**
**Anticipatory set:** Erin Brockovitch
**Students will:** Identify the hazardous materials that are dumped in waters of Alaska by the cruise ship industry.
**Class/team/individual product:** Timeline indicating how regulations and enforcement have changed.

**INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:**
Do you think that you are exposed to high levels of hazardous materials?

**HOMELINK:**
Ask family members if they were ever exposed to chemicals that are now classified as hazardous.

STATE STANDARD Science A2, C4, D1, D2, Employability B2, Technology E6, E7

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Universal Theme of **Moral, Ethical and Spiritual Behavior** create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

9. **MORAL, ETHICAL AND SPIRITUAL BEHAVIOR**

**KNOWLEDGE:**
**Anticipatory Set:** Read article on Shroud of Turin or watch the Discover video on this topic.
Students will: Outline the issues involved in the carbon-14 dating of the Shroud of Turin.

COMPREHENSION:
Students will explain the use of science to understand religious truths.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: clip from Flatliners, where they die and see the light
Students will: Discover the chemical reactions involved in dying which lead to seeing light at the moment of death.
Class/team product: Pamphlet showing results.
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Investigate rituals surrounding death in other countries or watch Bill Moyer’s series
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: Investigate the nature of light according to Einstein.
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Mortician as a speaker

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: clip of Sean Penn in Dead Man Walking
Students will: Summarize the process and chemicals used in lethal injection of inmates.
Class/team/individual product: Diary entry of a person about to be put to death or the person witnessing the execution.

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
In the event of your death, what would you choose for a final disposition of your body?

HOMELINK:
Discuss after death arrangements with your family.

STATE STANDARD Science D1, D2, D6, Art A1, A3, B2, B3, Employability B1, B2

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Universal Theme of Aesthetic Needs create mastery learning of essential concepts in this unit?

10. AESTHETIC NEEDS

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: clip of volcano blowing and magma is flowing.
Students will know pottery is made from the same materials as igneous rock. Glaze is melted glass. Students will understand that ceramic materials have great variety.

COMPREHENSION:
Students will distinguish between the colors of ceramics and the elements responsible for each color.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: clip from Ghost with Demi Moore at the wheel
Students will: Produce test tiles of different colors by doing a simple line blend of different elements.
Class/team product: Test tiles
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Read about pottery from Mexico, China, Japan, Greece and England.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: Read about Japan’s Tea Ceremony
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Potter as speaker

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: Show examples of Raku Pottery
Students will: do a Raku firing
Class/team/individual product: Fired object

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
Write about the results of your experiment in pottery.

HOME LINK:
Take your pottery home and show it to your family. Tell them how you made it.

STATE STANDARD Science A1, B5, C3, History A1

11. History of Development of the Periodic Table

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: Mad Scientist clip: Pink Panther Strikes again
Students will: Design a stamp for one of the different scientists involved in solving the puzzle of the Periodic Table.

COMPREHENSION:
Distinguish between different tactics taken to solve the puzzle.

APPLICATION:
Changes, computes, demonstrates, discovers, manipulates, modifies, operates, predicts, prepares, produces, relates, shows, solves, uses.
Anticipatory Set: clip of scam artist, 48 Hours
Students will: Jigsaw 5 discoveries associated with the Periodic Table and decide who should get the credit.
Class/team product: News article announcing the discovery
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Find out the Nationalities of the researchers involved.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: During the Age of Enlightenment, what other scientific advancements were being made?
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Entrepreneurship, how to proceed

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: clip Blues Brothers RESPECT from Aretha Franklin
Students will: Identify the repeating patterns in different Periodic Tables
Class/team/individual product: Make a crossword of terms used to describe the tables.

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
Look for patterns in your home.

HOME LINK:
Look for cycles and patterns in the music, history, language arts or mathematics that you are studying now.

STATE STANDARD Science B1, C2, C5, Language Arts B2, D4

12. Organization of the Table

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: Demo group I and group II elements reacting with water.
Students will: describe the observed properties of the group I and group II elements.

COMPREHENSION:
Be able to name the common families and explain why elements within a family have similar properties.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: clip Good Will Hunting, solving the problem
Students will: solve and complete a periodic table puzzle using clues about elements within each group. Students discover how Mendeleev fit missing elements into his table based on similar properties.
Class/team product: completed periodic table puzzle
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Students investigate Mendeleev’s original periodic table and note the use of the original Russian.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: First Nobel Prizes given for work on the modern table
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Investigate possible chemistry careers

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: clip of Periodic Table video, portion with Saeborgium
Students will: Each team will design its own Mendeleev castle that gives clues for various rooms that contain the elements 1-20. Puzzles will be distributed and played by other teams.
Class/team/individual product: Medeleev castle

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
How important was Mendeleev? How would things have been different if he had not been born?

HOMELINK:
Teach your family about the design of the periodic table.

STATE STANDARD Science A1, A2, B1, Employability B1, B2

13. Trends of the Periodic Table

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: The Hindenberg Disaster clip, Balloons of Noble gases from Elements organized
Students will: summarize the pattern of the density of the Noble gases from the clip, comparing atomic numbers, valence electrons and reactivity patterns.

COMPREHENSION:
Diagram the electron configuration for two groups of elements and identify the patterns seen.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: Simple reaction demo
Students will: Reconstruct a cut up periodic table using the patterns observed from the previous exercise
Class/team product: Completed table
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Report on one scientist who discovered an element.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: Count the number of elements used to compose organic compounds.
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Invite a Food chemist to speak.

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: clip Back to the Future
Students will: Based on the trends discovered by examination of the Periodic Table, justify the ionization pattern of different groups.
Class/team/individual product: Diagram the ions of the main groups and their charges.
INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
How do the organic elements you eat make up your body?

HOMELINK:
Find three things at home and try to determine the elements that compose the objects.

STATE STANDARD Science B1, Language Arts B1, D2, History B1

14. Properties of metals and nonmetals

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: We are Family Song
Students will identify metals, nonmetals, and metalloids after testing several examples of elements for their reactivity with water, electrical conductivity, melting point and malleability.

COMPREHENSION:
Students will summarize the properties of metals vs. nonmetals in a table.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: Show three unknown samples to students for their examination.
Students will: compare and contrast the observed properties of the samples.
Class/team product: Venn diagram
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Look at the role of Iron through history.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: Research the Mercury poisoning that occurred in Japan in the 1950’s. OR Look at the history of copper in minting money. (US pennies)
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Watch a video on glassmaking

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: Read aloud a Medical Mystery
Students will: SOLVE A MEDICAL MYSTERY looking at the theft of old gold fillings and the death of the dental lab tech!
Class/team/individual product: Illustrate a comic strip showing their deductions.

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
Which are more useful to you, metals or nonmetals?

HOMELINK:
Read about Bear Valley Elementary water supply and possible heavy metal contamination. Discuss solutions with your family.

STATE STANDARD Science A1, C7 Math A3, Language Arts B3

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How do the states of matter relate to mastery learning of the Periodic Table?

15. States of Matter

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: Demo that shows examples of solid, liquid and gas.
Students will: locate these elements on the periodic table and show the locations of the different states of matter.

COMPREHENSION:
Generalize a trend of states of matter across the table.
APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: Demo triple point of carbon dioxide
Students will: design a method to change the state of an element.
Class/team product: Write results in Lab Report format
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Read the story Midas Touch
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: Practice temperature conversions from Fahrenheit to Celsius to Kelvin
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Find out more about how gold is refined with mercury.

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: song Should I stay or should I Go?
Students will: write a fantasy story about an atom of an element that changes state
Class/team/individual product: Story

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
Write about the different ways to extinguish a fire.

HOMELINK:
Check your house for fire safety.

STATE STANDARD Science A9, A10, D3, Employability B1, B2, Culture B1, C4, E6, E7

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the discipline/sub-discipline of Organic Chemistry relate to mastery learning of the Periodic Table?

16. Chemistry of Life

KNOWLEDGE:
Anticipatory Set: Set table with objects (some food, plants, wood, volunteer)
Students will: State what these objects have in common with regard to the periodic table

COMPREHENSION:
Locate on the periodic table the primary elements in organic compounds. Summarize this information in a skit revealing the element’s address.

APPLICATION:
Anticipatory Set: clip from Weird Science: where they invent the girl
Students will: Given simple formulas, build organic molecules using clay
Class/team product: clay models of Organic molecules
Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link: Have the students bring in cultural food items.
Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link: Compare the content of fats, carbohydrates and proteins in the diet of a variety of cultures.
School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link: Registered Dietician as speaker

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):
Anticipatory set: clip Lorenzo’s Oil
Students will: Research or read about rapeseed oil in diets and how it impacts physiology.
Class/team/individual product: Write a new law that would allow use of this oil in the treatment of Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) patients.

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:
Read the label of a food you regularly consume and list the elements you may have eaten.

HOMELINK:
Discuss the four main food compounds and tell your family in which foods they are found.
17. **Applications and Uses**

**KNOWLEDGE:**
- **Anticipatory Set:** Clip from the Medicine Man (the spectrograph)
- **Students will:** match the spectrographs with the corresponding elements

**COMPREHENSION:**
Explain how Mass spectroscopy is used to identify the elements in compounds.

**APPLICATION:**
- **Anticipatory Set:** clip Star Trek episode: Kirk fights the Gorgan
- **Students will:** examine the history of explosives.
- **Class/team product:** a bumper sticker for a non-lethal use of explosives.

**Multicultural and/or ESL and/or Bilingual Link:** How did the Chinese develop and use fireworks.

**Mathematics/Science Link and/or Humanities Link:** Recite the Star Spangled Banner relating the chemistry connection to the lyrics.

**School-to-Career/Tech Prep Link:** How would you get a certification to be a pyrotechnical?

**HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (H.O.T.S.):**
- **Anticipatory set:** Video: Nova Fireworks
- **Students will:** point out the elements and compounds that produce the colors in the fireworks.
- **Class/team/individual product:** a collage that shows multiple uses of an element or compound

**INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:**
Describe the last time you saw a good fireworks display.

**HOMELINK:**
Where did you see the best fireworks ever?

**MORAL/ETHICAL/SPIRITUAL REASONING AND DILEMMAS**

**TEN ETHICAL DILEMMAS**
*(Must be set in context of unit, but must also relate to the lives of today's students)*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the content of this unit reflect *character education* through Moral and Ethical dilemmas?

1. **Producing, Exchanging, and Distributing** [Economics]

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of Producing, Exchanging and Distributing create moral/ethical dilemmas?

**DILEMMA:**
Your significant other gives you a diamond ring. You recently read that most diamonds come from South Africa where workers do not have the same working conditions as those in the US. Based on this information, do you accept the ring or return it?

2. **Transportation**

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of Transportation create moral/ethical dilemmas?
DILEMMA:
You live in a small community in Alaska that has an opportunity to accept nuclear waste for a considerable amount of money. Your community needs the money and would benefit greatly. Do you want your community to accept it?

3. **Communications**
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of Communications create moral/ethical dilemmas?
DILEMMA:
The U.S. Navy installed communication equipment in Cook Inlet that will greatly improve our defenses. An abnormally high number of belugas begin washing up on shore shortly after the equipment begins testing. What should be done?

4. **Protecting and Conserving**
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of Protecting and Conserving create moral/ethical dilemmas?
DILEMMA:
An initiative is on the ballot to mandate a deposit on all recyclable bottles. It has been voted down by the Legislature three times previously due mainly to pressure from the beverage industry. The companies claim it will cost them too much money and there is an abundance of landfill space in Alaska. The companies worry they will have to layoff employees. Your family has two people who work for the local Coca-Cola production plant. Would you support this bill?

5. **Providing Education**
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of Providing Education create moral/ethical dilemmas?
DILEMMA:
You are driving your Grandparents’ car with a handicapped-parking permit. You are in a hurry and it just snowed 2 feet. The parking lot has not been plowed. Do you park in the handicapped spot or in the deep snow at the back of the lot?

6. **Making and Using Tools and/or Technology**
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of Making and Using Tools and/or Technology create moral/ethical dilemmas?
DILEMMA:
Your family has a cabin on the Kenai. You can run right down to your favorite fishing spot, but you notice the trail is becoming severely eroded at the bank this year. From biology class, you learned that this erosion is impacting the spawning salmon. Do you continue on the trail to your favorite spot or go the long way back to the new boardwalk with the tourists?

7. **Providing Recreation**
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of Providing Recreation create moral/ethical dilemmas?
DILEMMA:
The fifth best skier at school receives 2 free pairs of a new high-end ski that are vastly superior to his friend’s skis. His friend is the number six skier on the team. Should he loan a pair of the fast skis to his friend and risk not making varsity or keep the skis to himself.

8. **Organizing and Governing**
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of Organizing and Governing create moral/ethical dilemmas?
DILEMMA:
You live in Juneau where the cruise ship industry is a major part of your economy. You discover that the ships can dump sewage and waste off the coast. If they can’t do this they will need to charge more to
customers, raising the costs and lowering the number of people taking cruises. This would mean less income at your parents’ shop. How do you stand on this issue?

9. **Moral, Ethical and Spiritual Behavior**  
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of **Moral, Ethical and Spiritual Behavior** create moral/ethical dilemmas?  
**DILEMMA:**  
A friend of yours is killed as a victim of a violent crime. The person responsible has been sentenced to death by lethal injection. How do you feel about this issue? Should the criminal suffer as your friend did before dying?

10. **Aesthetic Needs**  
ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How does the Human Activity of **Aesthetic Needs** create moral/ethical dilemmas?  
**DILEMMA:**  
You are a potter. You can make a great glaze for your pots that makes them very valuable. This means you stand to make a big profit! The glaze contains lead and you know that your pots can cause severe health problems if they are used for drinking or cooking. What should you do?

**PRODUCTIVE THINKING SKILLS**  
**DIVERGENT/CREATIVE THINKING**

1. **BRAINSTORM MODEL**  
A. BRAINSTORM ALL OF THE ___________:
   - AHA #1. The elements you know
   - AHA #2. Possible uses for radioactivity
   - AHA #3. Ways to communicate
   - AHA #4. Ways to use old newsprint
   - AHA #5. Ways to teach someone to tie a shoe
   - AHA #6. Ways to use a spoon
   - AHA #7. Ways to cool a bottle of pop

B. BRAINSTORM AS MANY ___________ AS YOU CAN THINK OF.
   - AHA #8. Lab accidents
   - AHA #9. Ways to dispose of human remains
   - AHA #10. Uses of ceramics
   - AHA #11. Scientists
   - AHA #12. Ways to organize the students in a classroom
   - AHA #13. Fashion trends from history
   - AHA #14. Metals and alloys

C. HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU COME UP WITH TO _________________?
   - AHA #15. Defrost your windshield
   - AHA #16. Tell if something is alive
   - AHA #17. Investigate a crime scene
   - Random Brainstorm number of chemicals in a cigarette

2. **VIEWPOINT MODEL (Human or Animate) (Use Cultural Literacy Terms)**

   A. HOW WOULD money LOOK TO A (N) Neanderthal?
      - AHA #1. Atomic bomb
      - AHA #2. Money
      - AHA #3. Cell phone
      - AHA #4. Battery
      - Madame Curie
      - caveman/Neanderthal
      - Alexander Graham Bell
      - Thoreau
AHA #5. Overhead projector     Pythagoras
AHA #6. Mass spectrometer     Mendeleev
AHA #7. Freeze dried food     Shakleton
AHA #8. Oil spill     sea otter

B. WHAT WOULD A _______ MEAN FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF A (N)_________?
AHA #9. Neutron     carbon 14
AHA #10. Clay pot     volcano
AHA #11. Letter     black square on a crossword
AHA #12. Valence electron     core electron
AHA #13. One more electron     chlorine atom
AHA #14. Sodium atom     fluorine atom
AHA #15. Iodine solid molecule     iodine vapor molecule
AHA #16. Carbon atom     stomach
AHA #17. Neon light     Humpy’s bar and saloon

C. HOW WOULD Mendeleev VIEW THIS?
(Use one person from history here)
1. X-ray
2. Airplane
3. Spiral notebook
4. Pop can
5. VCR
6. Electric guitar

3. INVOLVEMENT MODEL (Personification/Inanimate object brought to life)
A. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU WERE_______________?
   AHA #1. Gold ring
   AHA #2. Railroad tracks under a train carrying nuclear waste
   AHA #3. Cell phone
   AHA #4. Used tire
   AHA #5. Dry erase marker or chalk mark on the board
   AHA #6. Lemonade mix
   AHA #7. Cotton sock

B. IF YOU WERE A___________, WHAT WOULD YOU (SEE, TASTE, SMELL, FEEL, etc.)?
   AHA #8. Hot plate, see
   AHA #9. Carbo-14 atom, feel
   AHA #10. Paint brush for glazes, smell
   AHA #11. Electron, see
   AHA #12. Pencil lead, smell
   AHA #13. Copper atom, taste
   AHA #14. Helium balloon, see

C. YOU ARE A _________________. DESCRIBE HOW IT FEELS.
   AHA #15. Liquid mercury
   AHA #16. Spaghetti noodle
   AHA #17. Test tube
   Random Involvement chemo drug about to be injected into a cancer patient

4. CONSCIOUS SELF–DECEIT MODEL
A. SUPPOSE ___________________. WHAT
   AHA #1. Gold came out of your faucet  would happen to its value
   AHA #2. Radioactive waste was launched into space and found by aliens, would they think of humans
AHA #3. Email was invented before the telephone would the world be like
AHA #4. Trees were extinct would we write on
AHA #5. There was no public education would happen
AHA #6. Bunsen burner froze things would a scientist do
AHA #7. Protein tasted as good as fat you snack on
AHA #8. Garbage floated on earth would it look like around here
AHA #9. Jesus meets Buddha would they say to each other

B. YOU CAN ____________. WHAT ______________?
AHA #10. Paint with your fingers will you paint
AHA #11. Fly or be invisible would you rather do?
AHA #12. Only make things with nonmetals would you build your house with
AHA #13. See electrons do they look like
AHA #14. Mint coins would you put on the coin
AHA #15. Make yourself less dense than water do you do
AHA #16. Have nine lives time period would you live in
AHA #17. Taste individual elements would peanut butter and jelly taste like

5. FORCED ASSOCIATION MODEL (Use cultural literacy terms here)

A. HOW IS ________________ LIKE ________________?
AHA #1. Diamond kite
AHA #2. Radioactive element shoe
AHA #3. Element song
AHA #4. Hair garbage
AHA #5. Student CD
AHA #6. Filter paper whale
AHA #7. Hat feather

B. GET IDEAS FROM ______ TO IMPROVE ____________________
AHA #8. OSHA your rope swing
AHA #9. Battery your life
AHA #10. Kiln dog house
AHA #11. Bart Simpson generation of electricity
AHA #12. Rock theory of relativity

AHA #13. Beehive school
AHA #14. Teflon secret service

C. I ONLY KNOW ABOUT ____________. EXPLAIN ________________ TO ME.
AHA #15. Aurora borealis fireworks
AHA #16. Twinkies power bar
AHA #17. CDs vinyl records

6. REORGANIZATION/SYNECTICS MODEL

A. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ________________?
AHA #1. Rare elements were common and common elements were rare
AHA #2. Radioactive elements turned you green
AHA #3. People could communicate by only using sonar
AHA #4. Plants didn’t recycle oxygen
AHA #5. Students did not have arms
AHA #6. We stored sewage like nuclear waste
AHA #7. We had antigravity devices to improve sports in the US

B. SUPPOSE ________________ (HAPPENED) WHAT WOULD BE THE CONSEQUENCES?
AHA #8. We felt pain when we littered
AHA #9. The ozone disappeared
AHA #10. There was no color
AHA #11. Straight lines could not be made
AHA #12. There were no building codes
AHA #13. Atoms could not form ions
AHA #14. Tooth fillings were nonmetals

C. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO ____________________________?
AHA #15. Changes in the state of matter
AHA #16. Grains (oats, wheat etc.)
AHA #17. Matches or lighters

CULTURAL LITERACY

Students must meaningfully use these terms to: (1) spell correctly, (2) use correctly in a sentence, and (3) use a metaphor. Use E.D. Hirsch’s, The Core Knowledge Series (i.e. What Your Third Grader Needs to Know) and your textbooks.

1. Dates:
   1869
   450 BC
   1999

2. Names:
   Acid                  Equation                  Metalloid
   Alkaline              Ethics                   Microprocessor
   Alloy                 Evaporation             Neutron
   Aluminum              Family                  Nonmetal
   Amino acids           Friable                 Non-recyclable
   Atmosphere            Forensics               Nucleic acid
   Atom                  Glass                   Nucleus
   Base                  Glaze                   Organic
   Bond                  Gold                    Period
   Calcium               Graphite                Plastic
   Carbohydrates         Grifter                 Radioactivity
   Carbon                Group                   Reclamation
   Chemistry             Halogen                 Recycle
   Chromatography        Helix                   Semiconductor
   Collage               Hydrocarbon             Spectrogram
   Column                Inert                   Spectroscopy
   Compounds             Insulator               Shroud
   Conductivity          Ion kiln                Superconductor
   Conductor             Lead                    Technology valence
   Diagnostic            Lipids                  Vermiculite volatile
   Electron              Mass                    X-rays
   Elements

3. Proper Names:
   Marie Curie        Amchitka
   Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson: Point Hope
   Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Point Wainwright
   Helen Keller       OSHA
   Gregor Mendeleev   Shroud of Turin
   Poker Flats        Hindenberg dirigible
   Kodiak Island      ALD disease
4. Ideas:
Age of Enlightenment  Japanese Tea Ceremony  Venn diagram

5. Phrases
Air raid drill  alkali metals
Alkaline earth metals  atomic mass
Atomic number  atomic particle
Boiling point  carbon-14 dating
Carbon dioxide  carbon monoxide
Chemical reactivity  chemical bond
Compound  element
Symbol  chemical warfare
Covalent bond  crystalline structure
Dihydrogen monoxide  electrical charge
Electron configuration  electron energy level
Firing pottery  half-life
Freezing point  heavy metals
Hydrogen bond  ionic bond
Inorganic compounds  melting point
Mineral ore  nuclear medicine
Periodic Table  physical science
Potassium-argon dating  Raku pottery
Rare earth metals  silicon chip
Silver nitrate  tetrahedron
Transition elements  transition metals
Valence electrons
It’s elementary, my dear Watson
RESOURCES

I. Bibliography – Teacher/Professional Books and Resources

II. Bibliography – Student Books on loan from Media Center for classroom use as anticipatory sets, to read in class and/or as I-Search Projects
1. Frozen Lady, Susie Arnot
2. To Build a Fire, Jack London
3. REENBERG, BARBARA R. AND PATTERSON, DIANNE, (1998) ART IN CHEMISTRY; CHEMISTRY IN ART. TEACHER IDEAS PRESS.
4. HEISERMAN, DAVID L. (1992) EXPLORING CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND THEIR COMPOUNDS. TAB BOOKS
5. STWERTKA, ALBERT. (1998) OXFORD GUIDE TO THE ELEMENTS. OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS CHILDREN'S BOOKS
10. FITZGERALD, KAREN. (1997) THE STORY OF NITROGEN. FRANKLIN WATTS (GROLIER), DANBURY, CT
12. HARGITTAI, ISTVAN, ED. BY MAGDONA HARGITTAI. (2000) CANDID CONVERSATIONS WITH FAMOUS CHEMISTS, IMPERIAL COLLEGE PRESS, LONDON, ENGLAND.
13. HICKHAM, HOMER (1998) OCTOBER SKY (ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED AS ROCKET BOYS), DELL (RANDOM HOUSE), NEW YORK, NY.

III. Educational Films/Videos
Volcano, National Geographic
Discover, Shroud of Turin
Magic School Bus at the Waterworks
Elements Organized
Chemistry Series, VHS Frank Cardulla et al.
   Interpreting an Equilibrium
   Basic Concepts
   LeChatellier’s Principle I, II
   Percent Composition
   Self-Ionization of Water
   Chemistry pH-Strong Acids and Bases
   Weak Acids and Bases

IV. Commercial Films/Videos
1. Ghost
2. Erin Brokovich
3. A Beautiful Mind
4. Never Cry Wolf
5. Miracle Worker
6. 2001 Space Odyssey
7. Dead Man Walking
8. Death Hunt, Charles Bronson
9. White Fang
10. Space 1999, Martin Landau
11. Nuclear Café
12. Simpson’s episode with Nuclear power plant
13. China Syndrome
14. Verizon Commercial
15. Back to the Future
16. Ch. 2 News clips (NBC) Beluga whales of Cook Inlet
17. News clips US Navy testing Deep Sonar effect on whales
18. Teacher Movie clips (Stand and Deliver, Cool Runnings
19. Glassmaking
20. Pink Panther Strikes Again
21. 48 Hours
22. Blues Brothers
23. News clip Hindenberg Disaster

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25. Weird Science-Making a girl
26. Medicine Man
27. Crossing Jordan episode of a death scene

Poetry (SITES WITH COPYRIGHT POETRY ON THE ELEMENTS:)
www.everypoet.com/absurdities/elements
http://www.xs4all.nl/~jcdverha/scijokes/3_1.html#subindex
www.sfu.ca/chemcai/genchem.html

Drama (Stage Productions) ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, Joseph Kesselring, 1941

Music
1. Should I Stay or Should I go?
2. Element Song, Tom Lehrer
3. Diamonds are a Girl’s Best Friend
4. Diamonds are Forever
5. “One Man’s Trash…” John McCutcheon Rounder Records
6. Don’t toss this away, Lone Justice
7. Banana Slugs recycling song
8. RESPECT, Aretha Franklin
9. We are Family!
10. The Star Spangled Banner

VI. Resource People/Mentors
1. Emergency Preparedness Official
2. Forensic Scientist, State Crime Lab
3. Potter
4. Registered Dietician
5. Recycling Center representative

VII. Field Trips
RECYCLING CENTER, LANDFILL, POTTERY STUDIO, STATE CRIME LAB, MORTUARY, COMMERCIAL KITCHEN

VIII. Other Material (CD–ROM, Laser Disc, Internet sites, etc.)
1. www.chemsoc.org/viselements/pages/pertable_fl.a.htm
2. www.uky.edu/Projects/Chemcomics/html/mm_8_14.ac.html
8. www.howe.k12.ok.us/~jimaskew/ptable.htm
11. SITES WITH CHENMISTRY SONGS: www.tranquility.net/~scimusic/resources.html
http://skynet.oir.ucf.edu/~mschell/Chemistry/
http://sing-smart.com/