

Webquest: Atomic Theories and Models

Answer these questions on your own, **USING COMPLETE SENTENCES** where appropriate (most of the questions, except tables and drawings).

Atom Basics: Go to: <http://www.chemtutor.com/struct.html> and read the “And you thought you were strange” section to answer the following questions (*put answers in the table*).

1. What are the three subatomic particles that all atoms are made of?
2. Where are each of the three particles located within the atom?
3. What is the electrical charge of each particle?

| 1. The 3 subatomic particles | 2. Location within the Atom | 3. Electrical Charge |
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Early Ideas About Atoms: Go to <http://galileo.phys.virginia.edu/classes/252/atoms.html> and read the section on “Early Greek Ideas” in order to answer the following questions:

4. What was the “basic idea” about matter that Leucippus and Democritus proposed?
5. How did they use atoms to explain different physical properties?
6. How were the ideas of these two men received by Aristotle, and what was the result on the progress of atomic theory for the next 2,000 years?

John Dalton’s Atomic Theory: Go to <http://www.iun.edu/~cpanhd/C101webnotes/composition/dalton.html> and use the information there to answer the following questions:

7. When did Dalton form his Atomic Theory?
8. What are the four components of Dalton’s Atomic Theory?

J.J. Thomson and the Electron:

Go to <http://www.chemheritage.org/classroom/chemach/atomic/thomson.html> and use the information there to answer the following questions:

9. What is the year in which J.J. Thomson discovered the electron?

10. What was the evidence for “bodies much smaller than atoms”?

11. What was the model of the atom he proposed in 1904?

Rutherford and Bohr Break the “Plum Pudding” Model:Go to

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/databank/entries/dp13at.html> and use the information found there to answer the following questions:

12. What was the “plum pudding” model of the atom and its electrons?

13. How much smaller was the nucleus, than the atom itself, according to Rutherford?

14. How did Bohr modify this model of the atom (i.e. what was his “revolutionary idea” about electrons)?

Chadwick (and Rutherford) and the Neutron

Go to <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/databank/entries/dp32ne.html> and use the information found there to answer the following questions:

15. What makes up the atomic number?

16. What makes up the atomic mass?

17. What observation led Chadwick (and Rutherford) to conclude there must be something besides just the proton in the nucleus of atoms?

18. What is the something-besides-just-the proton called?

History of the Atom Timeline

Click the following link: <http://www.cerritos.edu/ladkins/a106/A%20Brief%20History%20of%20the%20Atom.htm>
 Use the information in this web page to fill in your History of the Atom Timeline. Use the following clues to help you. Make sure that all of the dates and all of the inventors are filled in.

Hints

1. My famous quote was disputed by Aristotle, although time proved me correct.
2. In what date was it determined that matter can neither be created nor destroyed. Name the date and the scientist
3. Name the date and inventor of the modern version of the Atomic Theory
4. I was born in 1831 and showed that electricity and magnetism are scientifically related.
5. he developed the plum pudding model and also was the first to discover the _____ .
6. In 1909 this scientist demonstrated that the atom is mostly empty space with a small positively charged nucleus containing most of the mass and low mass negatively charged particles orbiting this nucleus. He was also credited with naming _____ and _____ .
7. What date did Neils Bohr developed the first successful model of the atom?

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| Discovery: | | | | | | | |
| Date: | 400 BC | | | 1831 | | | |
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| Inventor: | | | | | | | Bohr |

HONOR CODE: On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance on this assignment. This work is 100% completed by myself and was not shared with any other students.

Signature: _____