

Adopt an Element Project

The purpose of this project is for you to become familiar with an element and share your findings with the class.

Part 1: Research

It is important for you to find out as much information about the element as you can. You are the only person in the class that will be studying your element so you will become the class expert. You must find the following things in your research.

Adopt an element requirements (Worth 50 points)

1. Atomic number
2. Atomic mass
3. #p, n, e
4. Metal/Non-metal/ Metalloid
5. Group #
6. Row #
7. Physical & Chemical Properties (at least 5)
8. Making use of the element in today's world
9. Environmental effects. Is it poisonous?
10. Bohr model
11. State of matter at room temperature (Solid, Liquid, or Gas)
12. How was it discovered?
13. Who discovered it?
14. Where and when was it discovered?
15. Where in the world is it currently found? Where is it mined?
16. Find an interesting fact about your element
17. Percentage of your element on earth. How abundant is it?
18. Is it reactive with other elements? Which elements?
19. Name a compound that it forms and what does this compound do?
20. Density compared to water
21. Find a photograph picture of your element. (The internet is a good source.)
22. Is there any connection of your element to biology? How does your element affect the human body?
23. Bring in a real life example of your element. (Example: If Copper were your element you could bring in items that contain copper such as wire or pennies)

Part 2: Presentation (Worth 50 points)

Requirements for the presentation

1. A poster with all of the above poster requirements
2. Real life example of your element
3. Presentation must 3 minutes
4. At the end of the presentation you must ask the class 2 quiz questions about your element and presentation.

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Name _____

RESEARCH 2 points each

Atomic Number _____
Atomic Mass _____
#p, n, e _____
Metal/nonmetal _____
Group/Family _____
Row # _____
Physical Properties _____
Chemical Properties _____
Forms compounds _____
Uses _____
Environmental effect _____
Bohr Model _____
Solid/Liquid/Gas _____
How discovered _____
Who discovered _____
When discovered _____
Where found _____
% Earth composition _____
Density _____
Photo of element _____
Biology connection _____
Element example _____
Interesting factoid _____
Creative!! _____

PRESENTATION 5 points each

Voice Volume _____
Poise _____
Rehersed _____
Eye contact _____
Refers to poster _____
Real life example _____
3 minutes in length _____
Enthusiastic _____
Quiz questions _____
Intro/closure _____

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Adopt-An-Element

Requirements:

1) Complete an Adopt An Element information sheet. (60% of grade)

You may use a variety of reference sources. Possible ideas are encyclopedias (book or CD Rom), science encyclopedias, science catalogs, magazines, and/or Internet sites*. Information sheets must be neat, written in black ink, and contain all the information requested. You also need to provide a list of your sources on the back of your information sheet. A minimum of three sources are required.

2) Create an advertisement for your element. (40% of grade)

The advertisement must include the element's name, symbol, atomic number, atomic mass, cost, and an advertising slogan that describes one or more of its important uses. Advertisements must be neat, colorful, and contain all the information listed above. You may add pictures that relate to your advertisement theme.

Example:

Be sure to include:

- ✓ Element's symbol
- ✓ Element's name
- ✓ Atomic number
- ✓ Atomic mass
- ✓ Ad slogan
- ✓ Cost
- ✓ Your name

You may add pictures or drawings that illustrate the various uses for your element.

Your ad must follow the same format as this example!

The example advertisement is a rectangular box containing the following information:

- Top left: 33 (Atomic Number)
- Top right: 74.9 (Atomic Mass)
- Center: **As** (Symbol) and **Arsenic** (Name)
- Bottom left: Arsenic's a sure fire way to deal with a nasty rat, It works better than a mean old cat! (Slogan)
- Bottom center: Cost = \$3.20 for 1 gram (Cost)
- Bottom right: John Smith (Name)

Arrows point from labels on the right to the corresponding information in the box:

- Atomic Mass points to 74.9
- Atomic Number points to 33
- Symbol & Name points to **As** and **Arsenic**
- Slogan points to the slogan text
- Cost points to Cost = \$3.20 for 1 gram
- Name points to John Smith

A list of periodic table sites is available on

The Science Spot

<http://sciencespot.net/>

Go to **Kid Zone**, then choose **Chemistry Links**

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Grade Sheet

Name _____

Advertisement = 24 points (40%)

- **Provided basic information*** + 12 _____
 - ☐ Atomic # ☐ Symbol ☐ Cost
 - ☐ Atomic mass ☐ Name ☐ Student's Name
- **Slogan and pictures relevant** + 10 _____
- **Followed directions** + 2 _____
Neat, correct spelling/format, original

Information Sheet = 36 points (60%)

- **Provided basic information** + 10 _____
 - ☐ Name ☐ Symbol ☐ Atomic # ☐ Atomic Mass
 - ☐ Protons ☐ Neutrons ☐ Electrons ☐ Melting Point
 - ☐ Boiling Point ☐ Normal Phase
- **Other information** + 11 _____
 - ☐ Cost
 - ☐ Nonmetal/Metal/Metalloid
 - ☐ Family
 - ☐ Origin of Name
 - ☐ ☐ Discovery & Date
 - ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Interesting Information/Uses
- **References** + 9 _____
Minimum of 3; provided required information; correct format
- **Miscellaneous** + 6 _____
Black ink, complete sentences, correct spelling, neat

Total Points = _____ out of 60 = _____%

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Name _____

Fact Sheet

Element _____

Symbol

Atomic Number

Atomic Mass

of Protons

of Neutrons

of Electrons

Melting Point

Boiling Point

Normal Phase

_____ °C

_____ °C

Cost = _____ for _____

Classification: ☐ Nonmetal ☐ Metal ☐ Metalloid

My element belongs to the _____ family.

Origin of Name _____

Discovered by _____ in _____

Interesting Info:

May include important uses, interesting facts, common compounds, etc.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.