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## **The National Textbook Project**

By issuing the textbooks for the third year of each educational cycle, the Educational Center for Research and Development will have completed the third and last installment of books called for by the New Curricula. We are placing these books in the hands of students with the great hope that we are moving, step by step, toward the goal of acquiring sound learning, using sophisticated educational means and up-to-date methodology that encourage and reinforce individual thinking and research, acquisition of skills, development of ethical and national attitudes, the feeling of national belonging as well as the feeling of belonging to humanity at large.

The on-going revolution in information, communication and educational-aids technology has undoubtedly limited the role of the textbook and lowered the rank it used so recently to occupy. However, in our society and in many other societies, the textbook remains the basic means of education, and it is our duty to exert our utmost effort and care to come up with the best product as to form and content. Yet we should not lose sight of the fact that the textbook is not sufficient by itself but should rather be used as a stepping stone to access other sources of information. What is important is to keep a clear vision and maintain the right course toward our objective. The means should not turn into the end and the student should always remain the focus of the learning/teaching process.

No one ignores or denies the fact that textbook writing requires very high academic and educational qualifications and very wide field experience. The authors committees undeniably possess such qualities. Yet the textbooks of the last two years contained some negative aspects. Such is the nature of human work, no matter how good the intentions or how great the effort extended. Here constructive criticism constitutes a real contribution to raising the standard of authorship, minimizing errors and filling gaps. We say that, with all due appreciation and respect to all those who have contributed to the success of this project.

The Educational Center for Research and Development is embarking this year on a process of evaluating the New Curricula and related textbooks, teacher training courses and student achievement. This is a natural and necessary step now that the new system has been put into effect. This process aims at identifying the curricular objectives that have been achieved as well as those that have not been achieved, with a view to proceeding with the positive aspects and correcting the negative ones.

As part of this correction process, we plan to review the versions that have been issued in order to secure good textbooks for our students, who always deserve the best.

March 13, 2000

President, Educational Center for Research and Development

**Nemer FRAYHA** 

# Introduction

In conformity with the objectives of the new curricula, this ninth grade chemistry book aims, through its content and methodology of teaching, to develop students into active learners.

- The teaching of notions and concepts is achieved through a set of activities, which help develop the students' ability to actively participate in the laboratory work and class discussions, as well as encourage them to communicate through reading, writing and listening.
- The simplicity of the language and the use of a variety of educational materials (transparencies, videos, films, molecular models...), in each lesson provide novelty and nourish intellectual growth.
- To enhance the effectiveness of the text material and improve clarity and understanding, a large number of full-colored figures are used.

In this book, we have tried to strike a balance between theory and application and to supply everyday examples whenever possible and to show that there is more to chemistry than numbers.

#### Features of this book

This book is divided into five units: the first unit includes two chapters, the second, third and fifth include one chapter each, while the fourth unit includes three chapters.

Activities develop manipulative skills, use inexpensive materials and include clear and explicit directions that are easy to follow. These activities are the starting point for developing concepts and generalizations that are related to everyday life experiences.

Chapter Summary provides the key concepts and main ideas of the chapter.

Insights motivate students by showing them just how important and interesting chemistry really is.

Science and Society includes real-life applications, help students relate the chemistry concepts to their everyday-life.

Questions and Exercises at the end of each chapter allow for a gradual and in-depth development of knowledge and skills to be attained. The questions and exercises are grouped into categories in terms of the cognitive level and types of skills they require. They help students to infer concepts, relate and examine illustrations and analyze them in the form of charts and graphs. Also, they help to reinforce and extend concepts, both scientific and social and enhance students' ability to write reports on science topics.

All comments and suggestions are welcome.

The Authors

#### Notes from the Authors:

The eight chapters of this book are all organized in the same format. In each chapter, distinguishing symbols are assigned to the different parts: Activity, Glossary, Remark, Safety, Chapter Summary, Insights, Science and Society, Questions and Exercises.

CHAPTER 1

Structure of the Atom

Chapter Overliew

Over the years, evidence has accumulated from experiments suggesting that atoms consist of smaller subatomic particles, now called protons, neutrons and electrons.

Atoms can be identified by the number of protons in their nuclei. Atomic mass units provide a relative scale for the masses of the elements.

Individual atoms do not behave like amything we know in the macroscopic world. Scientists' recognition to this fact led them to use the mole unit to measure the quantity of watter in any real situation

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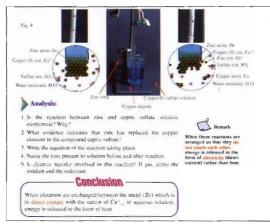
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• Information correlated with the activity or text material.





Questions leading to the attainment of the objectives.



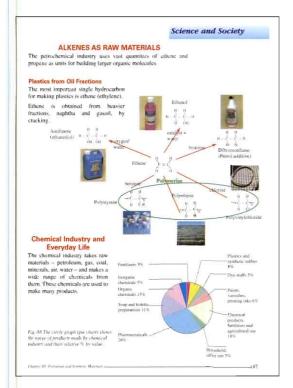


 Provides the concepts and factual knowledge to be mastered for that section.

- List of chemicals and equipment needed to perform the activity.
- A quick reference for definitions of terms used in the chapter.
- Safety instructions are given to prevent accidents. Safety is of prime importance in every classroom.
- Describing the different steps of the procedure.



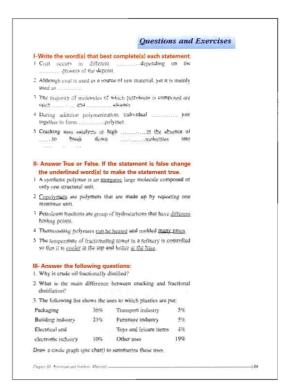




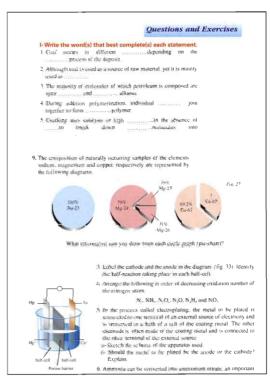
 Connecting the applications of chemistry to industry.



 Special science rubrics to show the role and importance of chemistry in everyday-life.



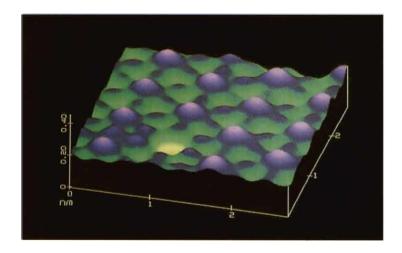
• Provides the fundamental points and key concepts by schematic synthesis.



 Testing knowledge and evaluating the development of skills.

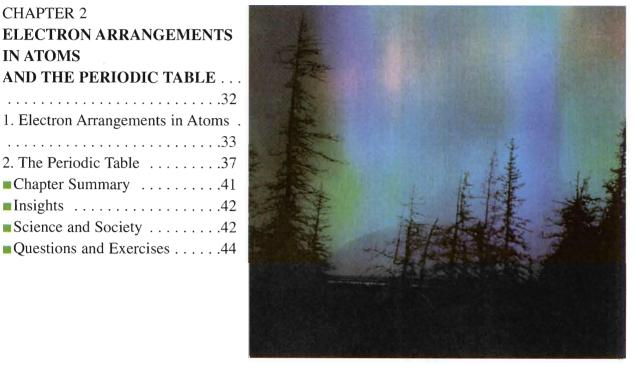
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