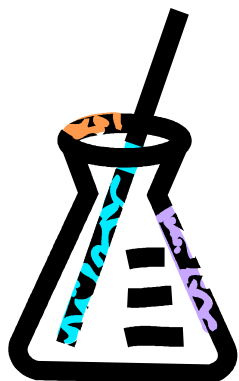


Welcome to AP Chem



BEFORE SUMMER

Get your books from the Library.

- *Chemistry, Zumdahl (main textbook)*
- *Study Guide for Zumdahl Chemistry (your friend)*
- *Fast Track to a 5 - Preparing for the AP Chemistry Exam (our textbook enhancer, or TBE)*

Get yourself to Barnes and Noble, or amazon.com...

Another recommended reading is some sort of AP "helper" book. The TBE is an example, but that one belongs to the school. You can get your own, or another similar one (like Cliffs Notes' AP Chemistry book) and rip it up with your own notes and sweat... **and blood.**

SUMMER

Chapter 1

- Read the chapter in Zumdahl.
- Summarize the chapter on **one** side of a sheet of paper.
- Do the following questions at the end of the chapter: **25-48, 67-72**
- Staple it all together and turn it in the first day of class.

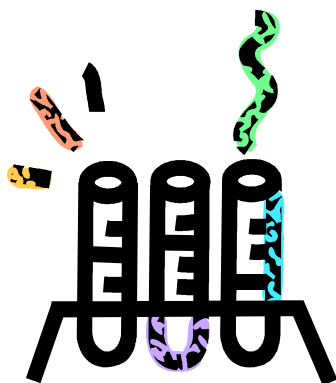
Chapter 2

- Read this chapter.
- Summarize the chapter on **one** side of a sheet of paper.
- Do these end-of-chapter questions: **33-70** (yes, *that's all!*)
- Staple it all together and turn it in the first day of class.

Become familiar with the TBE. We will use it as a skeleton for the year.

We will "flesh out" that book with our main text, the Zumdahl text.

Visit the website. Firstlightastro.com has a special page for AP Chem. Here you will find things like downloadable periodic tables, links to other sites, etc.



FALL

Buckle your seat belts.

We'll start off racing. We will have a **quiz** the first week on Chapters 1 and 2 of Zumdahl.

There will be less lecture this year and more labs. That means several things: You will need to do a lot of studying **on your own**. You will have to act as if this really were a college course. You will have to find fellow students to study with. You will have to do the homework, no excuses - no if's, and's, or but's. Period. End of transmission.

Caveat

If you have **not** had chemistry before you must take this class **very** seriously. **It is not easy**. We will not slow down for you. If you decide to slack the first month, you will have a **real** tough time climbing up out of the pit you've created for yourself.

There is a lot of material to cover and by choosing not to take regular chemistry first, I assume you are more than capable of picking up a lot of the slack yourself on your own time.

Get thee a Lab Notebook.

It is highly recommended that you purchase a lab notebook through the school. It is where you will record your labs as "evidence" that you did experiments should the university ask. They are about \$20 (less, probably). Details to come after start of school.

Unit routine.

Each unit from the TBE will be covered approximately like this:

- You'll **read** the TBE **first** and the associated Zumdahl sections and write out some sort of outline.
- We'll have a couple days of lecture on that subject, including the occasional pop "did you **really** read this first?" quizzes.
- A lab (maybe)
- A **quiz**
- A single breath, then we move on.

Get a group together.

This is a **real** tough class to do all alone. A good habit to get into right away is to get together with others in study groups, at lunch or after school. This is a great habit to pick up especially as you head towards college. Trust me.

Need me?

You can write me anytime at ritttertvhs@gmail.com

You **can** pass That Test in May, but it all depends on how much time **you** want to put into the class, how seriously **you** take it, and how mature **you** plan on being. Ready?

