CHEMISTRY CLOSE READ

1. Close Read (6 points): Read with a pencil/highlighter in hand, and annotate the text.
   a. Annotating means underlining or highlighting key words and phrases—anything that strikes you as surprising or important, or that raises questions.
   b. Annotating includes writing your thoughts and reactions in the margins next to what you have highlighted or underlined. These need to be rich comments. Rich comments might begin with the word, what or why or any of the phrases that could also be used to start your reflection statement.
   c. One definition is required: Circle words you don’t know and look them up! Write down the definition in the margin next to the word.

2. Summary Statement (2 points): Write a summary statement for the article in which you include:
   a. the author, title, and source
   b. a summary verb
   c. the sentence completed with the main idea of the article

   The summary statement is 25 words or less; the author/title/source counts as 1 word.

   At the end of your statement, write the number of words in your statement and circled it.

3. Reflection Statement (2 points): Use one of the following sentence starters and write a brief 1-2 sentence reflection statement for the article.
   A) I noticed...
   B) I wonder...
   C) I was reminded of...
   D) I am surprised that...
   E) I’d like to know...
   F) I realized...
   G) If I were...
   H) I am not sure...

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## Summary Verbs

### For Beginners:
- compares
- defines
- describes
- explains
- gives
- lists
- presents
- shows
- tells

### For More Proficient Writers:
- acknowledges
- adds
- advises
- answers
- asks
- asserts
- assures
- blames
- captures
- clarifies
- classifies
- confirms
- confronts
- confuses
- considers
- contrasts
- critiques
- defends
- demonstrates
- exchanges
- evaluates
- explores
- features
- furnishes
- denounces
- illustrates
- discourages
- encourages
- endorses
- entertains
- entices
- identifies
- illustrates
- informs
- invites
- judges
- mentions
- offends
- proposes
- provides
- recognizes
- recommends
- simplifies
- solves
- suggests
- supports
- teaches
- traces

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