Science, Grade: 8 Mastery Check Benchmark #: 2A.1.1		
State Language:	Student Friendly Language:	
The student understands atoms, the fundamental organizational unit of matter, are composed of subatomic particles. Chemists are primarily interested in the protons, electrons, and neutrons found in the atom.	I will understand that matter is made of atoms and their subatomic particles.	
Concept (Students will know):	Skills (Students will do):	DOK Level:
That an element's properties are determined by the subatomic particles of the element's atoms.	Understand	1
Big Ideas:		
The type of atoms determines the composition of all matter.		
Essential Questions:		
What are the three subatomic particles?		
A dollar represents a specific amount of gold in the USA mint. A neutral atom of gold (Au) has a mass number of 197 and has 118 neutrons. How many electrons does this gold atom have? A) 79 electrons B) 118 electrons C) 197 electrons D) 315 electrons		
Core Materials	Supplemental Materials:	