

ALCHEMY: THE BEGINNING OF CHEMISTRY

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word in parentheses.

Before modern chemistry, there was alchemy, an ancient _____ (practice) that combined science, philosophy, and magic. Alchemists were interested in the _____ (transform) of materials, hoping to turn ordinary metals into gold.

One of their greatest goals was the _____ (create) of the Philosopher's Stone, a legendary substance believed to bring _____ (immortal). While alchemists never succeeded in this, their _____ (experiment) led to the _____ (develop) of important chemical techniques.

Alchemy was especially important in the _____ (discover) of new substances. Many alchemists also studied medicine and helped in the _____ (prepare) of herbal remedies. Their work influenced the _____ (establish) of chemistry as a serious scientific field.

Although alchemy included some _____ (superstition) ideas, it helped shape scientific _____ (know). Today, we see it as an early step toward modern chemistry, showing how curiosity and _____ (explore) drive progress.

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