The Periodic Table and the Universe

Summary
Students will apply the atomic number of elements on the periodic table to the origin of heavy elements in the star cycle.

Main Core Tie
Science - Earth Science
Standard 1 Objective 1

Time Frame
1 class periods of 60 minutes each

Group Size
Individual

Materials
- periodic table sheet
  (attached)
- student worksheet
  (attached)

Instructional Procedures
Describe the importance of the atomic number found above each element on the periodic table. Differentiate between elements formed in the big bang (H, He, Li), those formed through nuclear fusion (Be-Fe) and those formed in supernova (the remainder). Remind students of the structure of the atom and the importance of the number of protons. If you have not already discussed star cycle and fusion, this will be necessary before students begin the worksheet.

Bibliography
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