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Chemistry: *Articles on the Metric System (SI System)*

Yes, America Needs to Be Metrified

1. About how many years ago did Canada switch to the metric system?
2. What did the company do to the meter sticks to ensure that the side with inches would NOT be used?
3. In the Imperial (or American, or British) System, how many types of "miles" are there?
4. How is trade between the U.S. and other countries affected by the fact that the U.S. is still using the Imperial System?
5. According to the author, are industries in the U.S. now using the Imperial or the metric system?
6. Who in America is still clinging to the old system of measurement?
7. What number is used when converting the various units of the metric system?
8. In the author's opinion, is the metric system a better system of measurement?

No, Let's Keep America American

1. What does the author suggest you need if you can't multiply or divide by any number other than 10?
2. What is the metric system a product of?
3. What happened to many French scientists during the French Revolution?
4. The meter is 1/10,000,000 of what distance?
5. What 2 metric ideas have been dropped?
6. Has life in "metric countries" radically improved since switching?
7. What European manufacturer uses the American system and **why** do they use it?
8. Does the author give any evidence as to why the American system is more accurate? _____ Should we automatically believe his assertion?
9. What does the author suggest you do if you want to use the metric system?

Written Response: What do you think? Should the U.S. "go metric?" Explain, in complete sentences.