Developing Models of Matter Empedocles - about 450 BC • Earth, Air, Wind, Fire Democritus - about 400 BC • matter made of tiny particles • called thematoms AD 500-1600 • Alchemists-part philosopher, mystic, magicion and chemist

Robert Boyle - cbout 1650

• " a pure substance that cannot be broken down into simpler substances"

Priestly, Lavoisier and Cavendish - late 1700's
isolated oxygen and later hydrogen and recognised them as elements

John Dalton - 1808

- All matter is made of tiny particles
- Each element has its own kind
- Compounds are created when elements combine
- atoms cannot be created or destroyed

1831- Michael Faraday

- matter must contain positive and negative charges
- opposite charges attract, like charges repel
- atoms combine to form compounds because of electrical attractions



- gold foil experiment
- a tiny dense postive core called the nucleus
- surrounded by mostly empty space containing the rapidly moving negative electrons

Inside the Atom

- atoms consist of sub-atomic particles protons-positively charged electrons-negatively charged neutrons-neutral
- the number of protons is significant since it is this that determines what the element actually is

atomic number = number of protons number of protons = number of electrons number of neutrons = mass number - number of protons



-sodium, Na, is atomic #11, therefore 11 protons and 11 electrons

-a sodium atom can lose 1 electron and therefore have 11 protons and 10 electrons

-this is one more + charge