

The Disappearing Spoon

Chapter 5

Interesting Vocabulary

Harbinger	Über	Nimbly	Shenanigans	Apoplectic
Cynicism	Rued	Phalanx	Subsidiary	Lycanthropic
Ostentatiously	Ultraconscientious	Grotesque	Profligate	Surfeit
Precursor	Deleterious	Passé	Stalwart	Impertinence
Faust	Debacle	Belligerent	Misconstrued	Conglomerates

Questions to consider

1. What was Bromine used for in war?
2. What is a lacrimator?
3. What were Fritz Haber's contributions? (At least 3)
4. What was Haber like as a person? Cite evidence from text.
5. What caused Haber to switch from Bromine to Chlorine?
6. What happened to Haber the year after he got the Nobel Prize for Chemistry?
7. What ultimately happened to Haber?
8. What reaction was Osmium used in as a catalyst?
9. How did the Germans get around signing the Hague Pact against chemical weapons?
10. What were Molybdenum and Tungsten used for?
11. Where did the Germans get Molybdenum from?
12. Where did the Germans get Tungsten from?
13. What is Scandium used for?
14. Where did Niobium and Tantalum get their names?
15. What are Niobium and Tantalum used for?
16. What is bad about sources of Niobium and Tantalum?