



Gold at a Record High! (February 2, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

i What? The price of gold, which recently surpassed \$5,000 per ounce, an all-time high.

Who? Countries, banks, investors, and companies that buy gold.

Where? All over the world 🌍, because gold is traded on international markets.

When? In the last few days, after several years of rising gold prices.

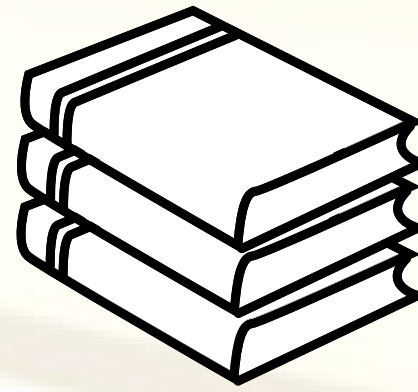
? Why is this important? Because gold is a safe haven asset: when the world becomes unstable or uncertain, people place more trust in gold.

🎯 For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about this precious metal, gold!



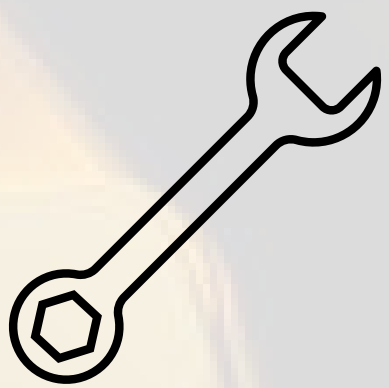
OBJECTIVES

- Read and interpret data (graphs, tables).
- Understand gold through its price history, scientific properties, and chemical symbol.
- Discover gold's place in the periodic table of elements.
- Enrich vocabulary by exploring words related to gold and its color.
- Make connections between science, economics, and the English language.



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Geography**
 - Reading and interpreting a graph
 - Understanding a global economic phenomenon
- **Science and Technology**
 - Exploring the periodic table of elements
 - Concepts of chemical symbols and atomic numbers
- **English**
 - Reading instructions
 - Understanding informational texts
 - Vocabulary expansion
- **General Knowledge**
 - Precious metals
 - Links between science, language, and history



COMPETENCIES

- Read and interpret visual documents (graphs, tables)
- Search for and select relevant information
- Justify an answer using observed clues
- Establish links between different fields (economics, science, language)



GETTING STARTED

- Show a picture of gold bars or nuggets.
- Ask the students:
 - "What do you think gold is used for?"
 - "Why do we think gold is very valuable?"
- Allow the students to share their ideas before beginning the activity.



DURATION

- About 60 minutes



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Gold is Skyrocketing! Observation of a graph showing the evolution of the average price of gold and answers to four comprehension questions.

Q1 — The years (time)

Q2 — The price of gold

Q3 — \$3,800

Q4 — Between 2020 and 2023

STEP 2 — Gold and its Friends. Discovery of the periodic table of elements and answers to four comprehension questions.

Q5 — Au

Q6 — Hydrogen and oxygen

Q7 — Hg

Q8 — Fe, 26

STEP 3 — From Symbol to Words. Exploration of words related to gold and its light, and looking up definitions in an online dictionary.

Q9 — Auriferous

Q10 — Aurora

Q11 — Aureole


WRAPPING UP



- Review the main discoveries: what gold teaches us through its evolution over time, its properties, and its uses in everyday life and science.
- Ask the student to express in one sentence what surprised them most (the value of gold, the origin of words, the characteristics of metals, its place in the periodic table).
- Remind everyone that gold is not only a precious metal, but also a scientific and cultural element that allows us to better understand matter, language, and certain realities of the world.



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Meel Tamphanon & John Haywood. *The Story of Gold: A Glittering History of the World*. Thames & Hudson.

