## NOTES #9/Aq Chem E/Oxidation & Reduction/Ap Chem

III. Diagraming Redox reactions

\*\* Like I said before, Redox reactions are all about ELECTRON TRANSFERS !!

a. <u>OXIDATION</u>: the process of \_\_\_\_\_\_ electrons.

b. <u>REDUCTION</u>: the process of \_\_\_\_\_\_ electrons.

## \*\*\* Just remember, OIL RIG or, LEO says GER

\*\* We can determine what's going to be oxidized or reduced by considering changes in oxidation #.

ex: Zn(s) + CuSO4(aq) ----> ZnSO4(aq) + Cu(s)

c. HALF-REACTIONS - writing the oxidation rxn and the reduction rxn of a Redox rxn separately.

OXIDATION:

**REDUCTION:** 

\*\* Two half reactions ADD UP to equal the balanced overall equation.

\*\* THE NUMBER OF ELECTRONS LOST (through oxidation) <u>MUST</u>

THE NUMBER OF ELECTRONS GAINED (through the reduction reaction).

d. More terminology.

Oxidizing Agent - What ever "species" is being \_\_\_\_\_. Which ever ion/molecule is \_\_\_\_\_\_ electrons, allowing for something else to be oxidized.

- Which "species" above is the oxidizing agent?

<u>Reducing Agent</u> - What ever "species" is being \_\_\_\_\_. Which ever ion/molecule is \_\_\_\_\_\_ electrons, causing something else to gain e- or to be reduced.

- Which "species" above is the reducing agent?

## e. Let's try another example....ELECTROLYSIS OF WATER VIA THE HOFMAN APPARATUS

-	What is electrolysis?	

A

B

**Observation**/: **Assumptions** 

Turn Observations in HALF REACTIONS

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B:\_\_\_\_\_

Is this Reduction or Oxidation?

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