## Fun With Predicting Reaction Products

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1) $\qquad$ $\mathrm{Ag}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}+$ $\qquad$ $\mathrm{NaNO}_{3} \rightarrow$
2) $\qquad$ $\mathrm{NaI}+$ $\qquad$ $\mathrm{CaSO}_{4} \rightarrow$
3) $\qquad$ $\mathrm{HNO}_{3}+\ldots \mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OH})_{2} \rightarrow$
4) $\qquad$ $\mathrm{CaCO}_{3} \rightarrow$
5) $\qquad$ $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}+\ldots \quad\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4} \rightarrow$
6) $\qquad$ $\mathrm{Pb}+$ $\qquad$ $\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{3} \rightarrow$
7) $\qquad$ $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6}+$ $\qquad$ $\mathrm{O}_{2} \rightarrow$
8) $\qquad$ $\mathrm{Na}+$ $\qquad$ $\mathrm{CaSO}_{4} \rightarrow$

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Before moving on, here are some general rules of thumb for how to figure out what will be made (and if the reaction will occur at all):

1) If something that has carbon and hydrogen reacts with oxygen, it's probably a combustion reaction. The products will be $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.
2) If two elements or very simple molecules combine with each other, it's probably a synthesis reaction. The products will probably be predictable using the octet rule to find charges.
3) If one compound has an arrow coming off of it, it's probably a decomposition reaction. The products will either be a couple of very simple molecules, or some elements, or both.
4) If a pure element reacts with another compound (usually, but not always, ionic), it's probably a single displacement reaction. The products will be the compounds formed when the pure element switches places with another element in the other compound.

- Important note: these reactions will only occur if the pure element on the reactant side of the equation is higher on the activity series than the element it replaces.

5) If two ionic compounds combine, it's probably a double displacement reaction. Switch the cations and balance out the charges to figure out what will be made.

- Important note: These reactions will only occur if both reactants are soluble in water and only one product is soluble in water.

6) If an acid and a base combine, it's an acid-base reaction. The products will be an ionic compound and water.
