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ANSWER KEY

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J.J. Thomson 1898	+ - +	J.J. Thomson discovered the electron. He suggested a plum pudding model of the atom. In this model the atom is a ball of positive charge with negative electrons randomly distributed within it.	List three characteristics of the electron! • heat • lighter • mass was the same
Ernest Rutherford 1909	(Divisible units composed of positive charges concentrated in the nucleus with negative charges orbiting around the nucleus	Because of Rutherford's gold foil experiment, the plum pudding model was replaced by the nuclear model of the atom
Niels Bohr 1913		Electrons in atoms are restricted to certain circular orbits about the nucleus. Similar to the planets orbiting around the sun.	The Bohr model is compared to the Solar System. Write a statement that would help reader understand that comparison The electrons are like planets in the solar system and the sun is the nucleus
Erwin Schrodinger 1926	electric pool	A probability to findelectrons within aspace surrounding the nucleus. Cloud = denser when election is high. Cloud = less dense when electron is low.	Define the term "atomic orbital" The physical region or space where the electron can be calculated to be present

