

Antoine Lavoisier

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*Reputation:* 8

*Impact:* 7

*Controversy:* 8

(1743 –1794) Studied chemistry, botany, maths and astronomy at Collège Mazarin. Identified and named oxygen and hydrogen, and showed oxygen's role in both animal and plant respiration. Guillotined during the French Revolution, and exonerated a year later.