UNIT 4: FRAME DESIGN

(20 pts) Approx. 2 days

Aerospace engineers care a lot about materials research because better materials mean more efficient planes! Real planes are made out of a variety of materials: wood, plastic, composites, and metal. Throughout our course, we'll look at different types of materials – the entire Unit 5 for example is all about composite materials – and here we'll take some time to look at metals and metalworking processes. The first part of this unit will review the Materials Life Cycle (MLC). The MLC tries to describe the cycle that things like metal go through when we use it in the manufacture of a product. For example, the steel that ends up in a Boeing 747 needs to harvested as iron from the ground and refined into steel. This process has some byproducts. The steel is then used in the manufacture of planes, and when the plane is old and done being used that steel might be recycled or reused.

As we continue this part, we'll watch three videos on metalworking that help describe different ways that metal can be shared and formed for use in engineering. We'll take some notes on those processes; then we'll look at the details of various materials by watching the *Aerospace Materials* and *Materials Properties* presentations. Take your time and take some good notes.

- 1. Start by watching the *Materials Life Cycle Assessment* video and reviewing the "Materials Life Cycle" diagram. Begin your notes with ideas about the Materials Life Cycle and how it impacts engineers.
- 2. Continue your notes as you watch the three (3) Metalworking videos. Most planes are made out of metals, and you want to take a few notes on the different processes used to work with metal. Think also about the Materials Life Cycle and how it fits into the world of metalworking. *You should have 1 full page of notes from these first 4 videos.*
- 3. Start your second page of notes by reviewing the *Aerospace Materials* and *Materials Properties* presentations. Take good notes, but don't stress too much about any mathematical formulas. The focus here should be on concepts, vocabulary, and general properties rather than specific calculations.

Part 1: Tasks	10 points	8-5 point	4-0 points
Notes on Metalworking & MLC	+ You took a full page of notes on	- Your notes do not	- Your notes are missing
	the Materials Life Cycle	cover all topics	- Your notes are missing
	Assessment, and the three	- Your notes are lacking	many important parts
	Metalworking presentations	important parts	
	+ Your notes include a detailed		
	flow chart of the Materials Life		
	Cycle		
Notes on Materials & Properties	+ You took a full page of notes on	- You did not take a full	- Your notes are too
	Aerospace Materials and Materials	page of notes	brief
	Properties presentations	- Your notes do not	- Your notes are missing
	+ Your notes include reasonable	include one of the topics	
	details		