Drawing Chemical Equations

Name____

For each reaction:

- a) draw a representation of the chemical statement
- b) complete an atom inventory of the reactants and products
- c) decide whether the chemical statement is balanced

1) Many people use natural gas as a source of household heat. Natural gas contains methane (CH_4), which burns with oxygen gas (O_2) in air according to the equation:

 $CH_4 + 2 O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2 H_2O$

Is it balanced? _____

2) When an acid reacts with an active metal, hydrogen gas and an ionic compound are often formed. An expression for hydrobromic acid (HBr) reacting with magnesium metal to form hydrogen gas and magnesium bromide (MgBr₂) is:

 $2HBr + Mg \rightarrow H_2 + MgBr_2$

Is it balanced? _____

3) Hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) and metallic silver react in air to form silver sulfide (Ag_2S), commonly known as silver tarnish, and water:

 $4 \text{ Ag} + 4 \text{ H}_2\text{S} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ Ag}_2\text{S} + 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$

Is it balanced? _____

4) Na + H₂O \rightarrow NaOH + H₂

Is it balanced? _____

5) $C_2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$

Is it balanced? _____

6) MgO + H₂O \rightarrow Mg(OH)₂

Is it balanced? _____

7) AgNO₃ + Ca \rightarrow Ca(NO₃)₂ + Ag

Is it balanced? _____

8) 2 HCl + Ca(OH)₂ \rightarrow CaCl₂ + H₂O

Is it balanced? _____