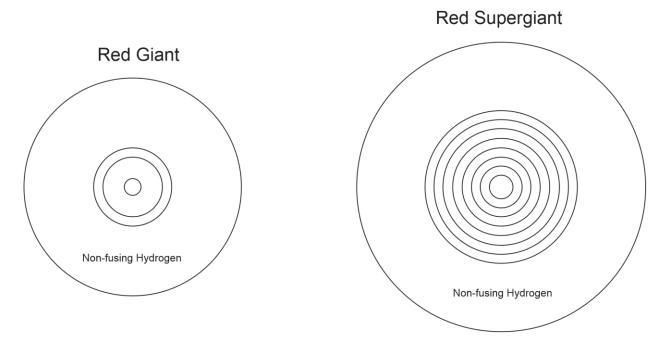
ESS 100 (Stapleton) Life Cycles of Very Massive Stars Name: _____

- 1. For these notes, "very massive" means...
- 2. List the life stages of a very massive star.

3. Show how nuclear fusion in a very massive star is different than fusion in a medium star like our Sun?



4. What is the heaviest element that can be made by nuclear fusion in a star?

5. What happens when a massive star runs out of nuclear fuel that it can fuse?

- 6. Why do the outer layers of an exploding supernova fly away so fast?
- 7. Give one reason that we should be thankful for supernovas.

- 8. What happens to the star material after a supernova?
 - a) Some material gets blasted out into space. This material...
 - b) A black hole can form if...
 - c) A neutron star can form if...
- 9. Some neutron star facts: