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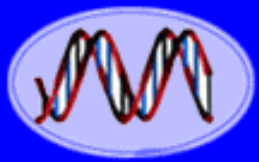
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## Lecture 4 What Are Genes & How Do They Work: Part Two

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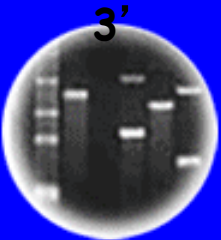
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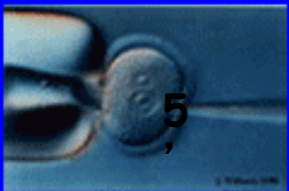
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# Last Tuesday's Lecture: What Are Genes & How Do They Function - Part One

## 1. What Are the Properties of Genes?

- a) Replication
- b) Direct the Production of Traits
- c) Universality
- d) Stability

## 2. What is the Evidence For DNA Being the Genetic Material?

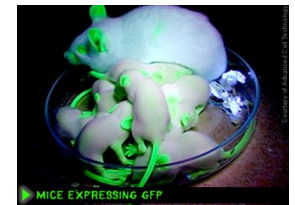
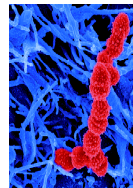
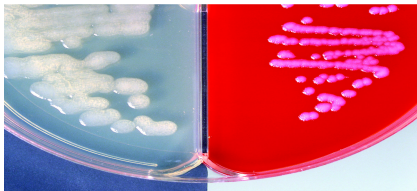
- a) Griffith Experiment
- b) Bacterial Cell Structure & Pneumonia
- c) Avery et al. Experiment
- d) How Does the Avery Experiment Satisfy the Predictions of DNA as the Genetic Material?

## 3. Transformation Can Be Done Universally & Is the Foundation of Genetic Engineering

## 4. Film: Cutting & Splicing of DNA - Gene Origins!

## 5. Demonstrations

- a) Bacterial "Cloning"
- b) Gel Electrophoresis

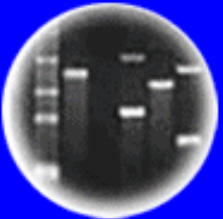




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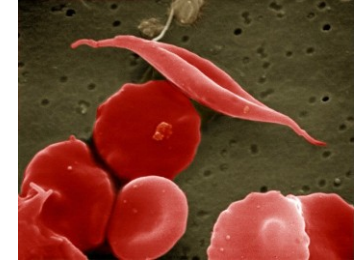


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# THEMES

1. What is the Function of a Gene-Review?
2. How Are Genes Regulated - Switched On & Off?
3. How Does DNA Replication Occur?
4. What is the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and How is PCR used?
5. How Do Mutations Occur?
6. How Can Pedigrees Be Used To Follow the Inheritance of Mutant Genes?
7. How Do Mutations Change Phenotypes?
8. What is the Colinearity Between Genes & Proteins (how does DNA→protein)?
9. What Is the Genetic Code?
10. How Do Gene Expression Processes Differ in Eukaryotes & Prokaryotes?
11. How Can Splicing Cause One Gene To Specify Several Different Proteins?
12. Yo!-It's in the DNA Sequences- What Are the Implications For Genetic Engineering?
13. Epigenetics - Modifications of DNA

# What is A Gene?



## The $\beta$ -Globin Gene

Blood Protein Carries Oxygen to  
All Genes From Lungs  $\Rightarrow$  Energy

A Gene is a Unique Sequence of  
Nucleotides Specifying a Function

DNA Sequence = Biology!  
What If Sequence Changed?

SEQUENCE  $\rightarrow$  FUNCTION

Relative to Coding or  
Sense Strand of Gene

5' **Begin**

Sequence or  
Order of  
Nucleotides  
Coding DNA  
Strand

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TGAAATCCAAAAATAGGA
GTTTGGTGTGGGTTTAGG
TAGGAATATTTGGGTCTT
TTTAGGTTTCGGGTTGGGT
ATTTGAGTGTGGACATTTGA
AATTCGGTGTTCATCTTCG
TGGGTGTGCCAGTGGCGTGAG
TGTTCCCCGGTTTCGTCACT
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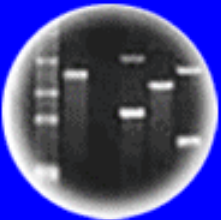




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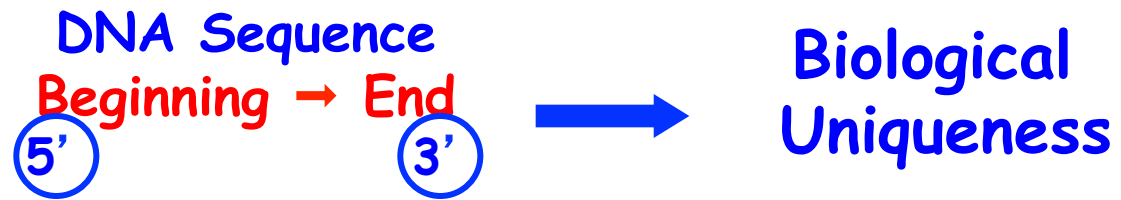


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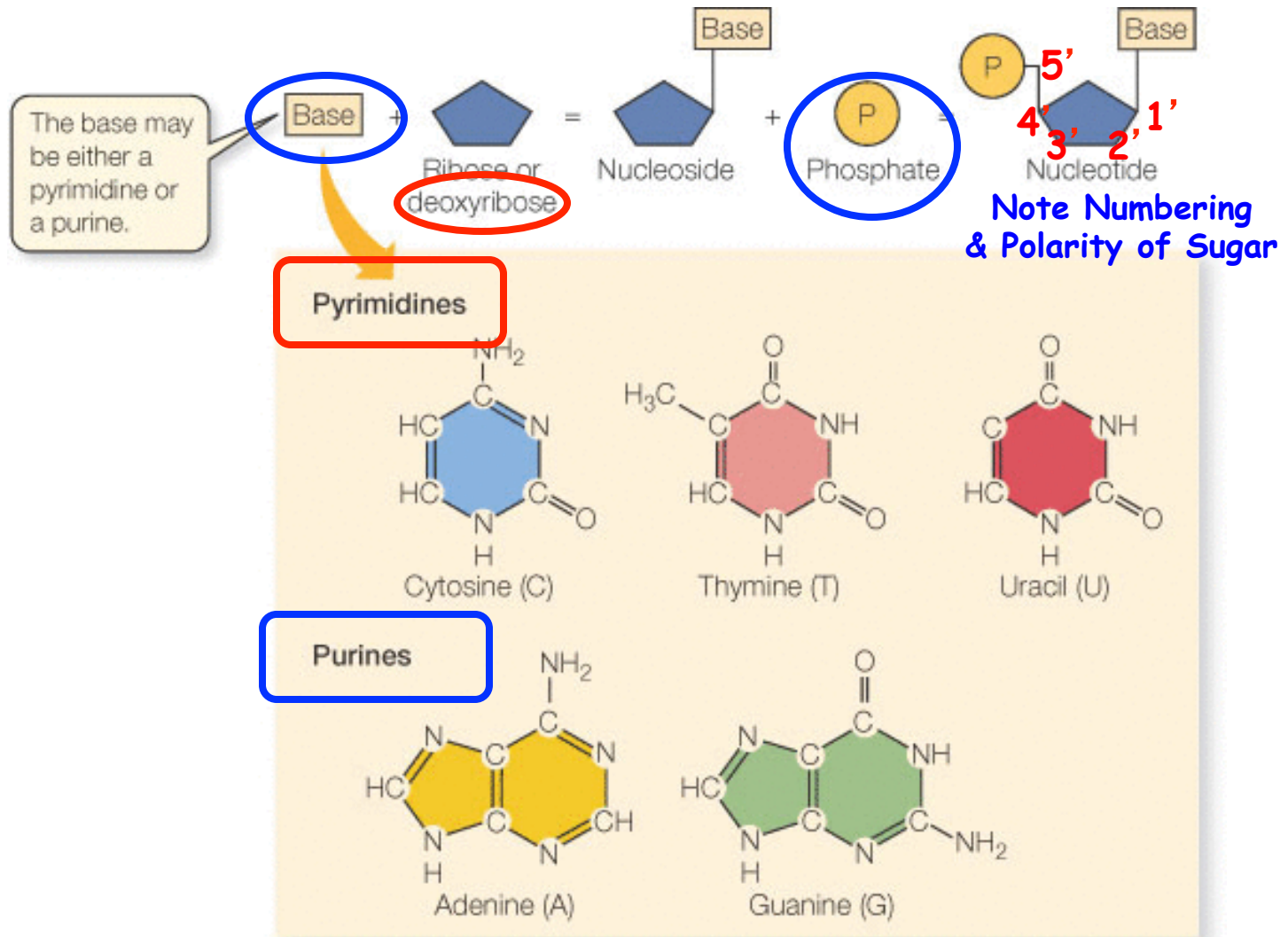
# Genes & Genomes Differ Because the Sequence of DNA Differs



If You Know the DNA Sequence, You  
Can Engineer Anything! Even Make New  
Genes & Genome!

**Creation of a Bacterial Cell Controlled  
by a Chemically Synthesized Genome**

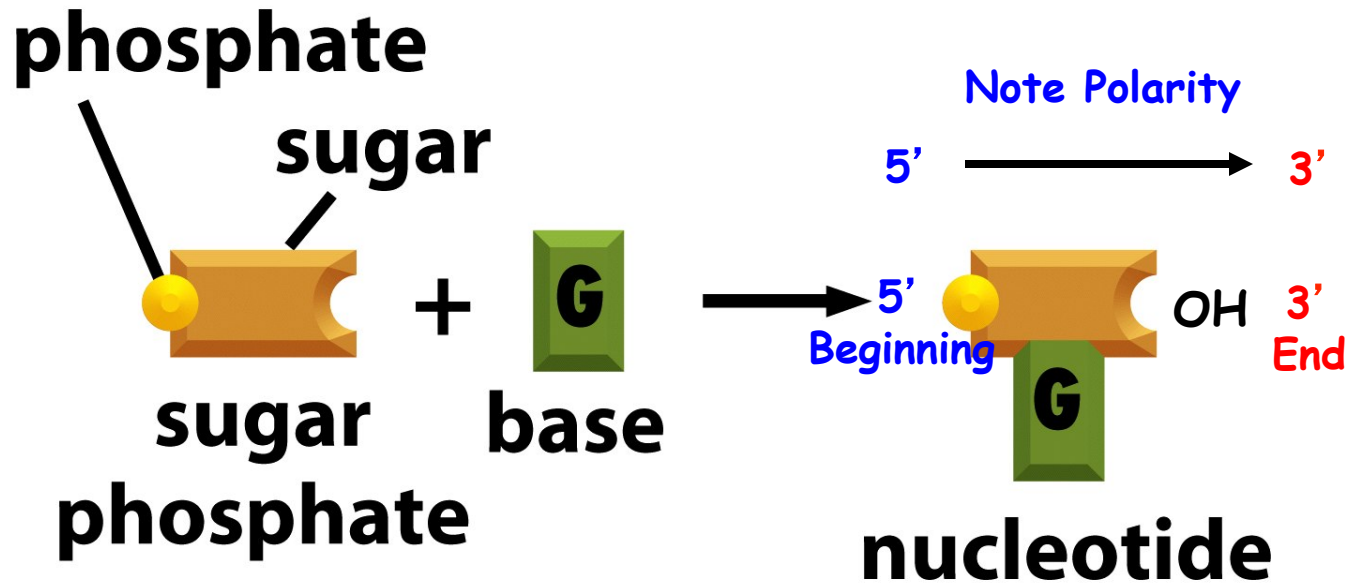
# Genes Have Four Different Nucleotides



**Note Chemical Differences in Bases -- Chemistry Leads to Biology!!**

# Nucleotides Have Polarity

Based on What is Bonded to the Five-Carbon Sugar  
**Phosphate** on 5' Carbon and **OH** on 3' Carbon

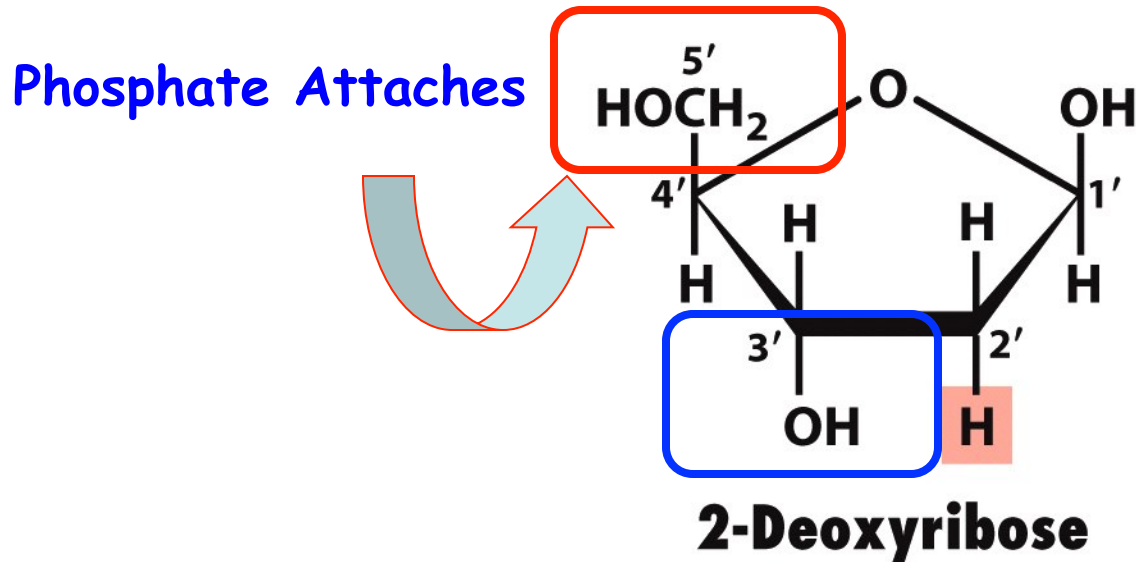


**The Sugar is the HUB**

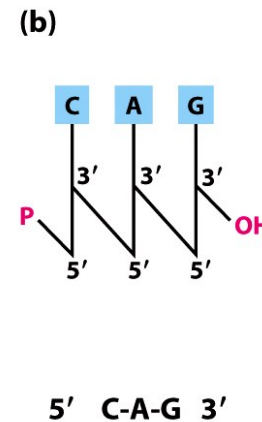
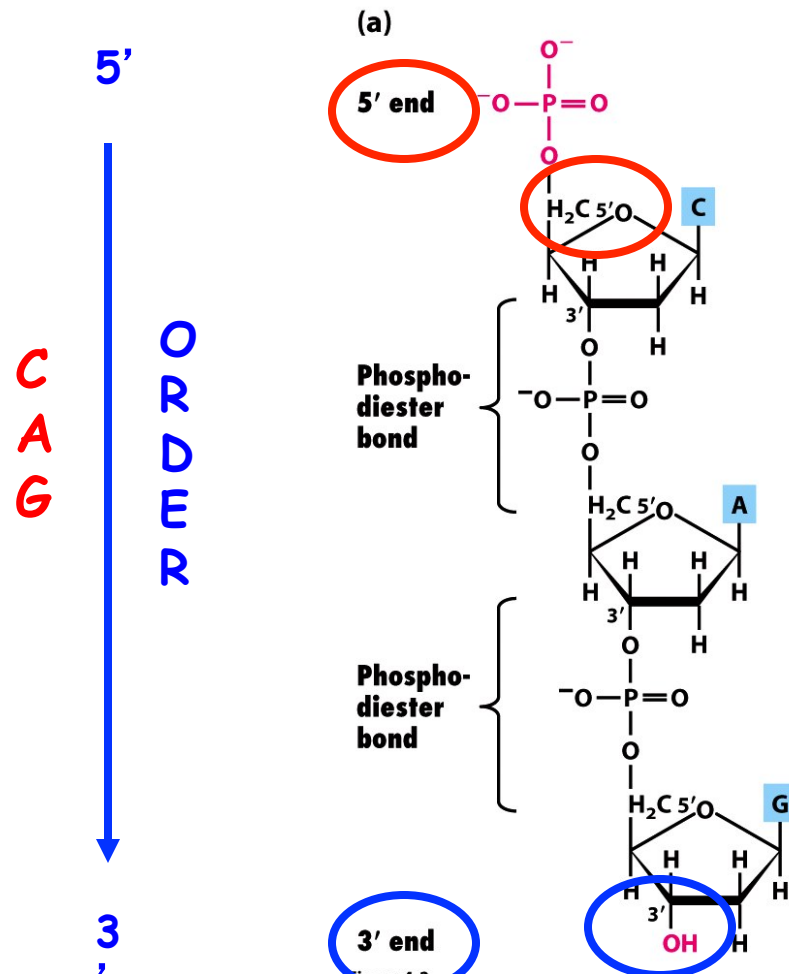
**DNA Sequence Defined By Nucleotide Order**

**DNA Sequence = Functional Uniqueness = Biology**

# Note Structure and Polarity of Deoxyribose Sugar



# Nucleotides Are Joined By 5' to 3' Phosphodiester Bonds



Short-Hand Notation

1. The Order is Specified by the Nucleotides That Join 5' to 3'
2. This is the Basis For All of Biology
3. Order is Maintained During DNA Replication
4. Basis of All Genetic Engineering

Figure 4-2  
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Polarity Defined By

Sugars & Order Specified By Bases



# Clues to the Double Helix-Chargaff's Rules

## Purines = Pyrimidines

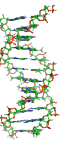
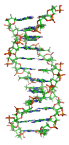
**TABLE 6.1** Chargaff's Data on Nucleotide Base Composition in the DNA of Various Organisms

Organism	Percentage of Base in DNA				Ratios	
	A	T	G	C	A:T	G:C
<i>Staphylococcus afermentans</i>	12.8	12.9	36.9	37.5	0.99	0.99
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	26.0	23.9	24.9	25.2	1.09	0.99
Yeast	31.3	32.9	18.7	17.1	0.95	1.09
<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> *	31.2	29.1	19.3	20.5	1.07	0.96
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> *	29.1	29.7	20.5	20.7	0.98	0.99
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	27.3	27.6	22.5	22.5	0.99	1.00
Honeybee	34.4	33.0	16.2	16.4	1.04	0.99
<i>Mus musculus</i> (mouse)	29.2	29.4	21.7	19.7	0.99	1.10
Human (liver)	30.7	31.2	19.3	18.8	0.98	1.03

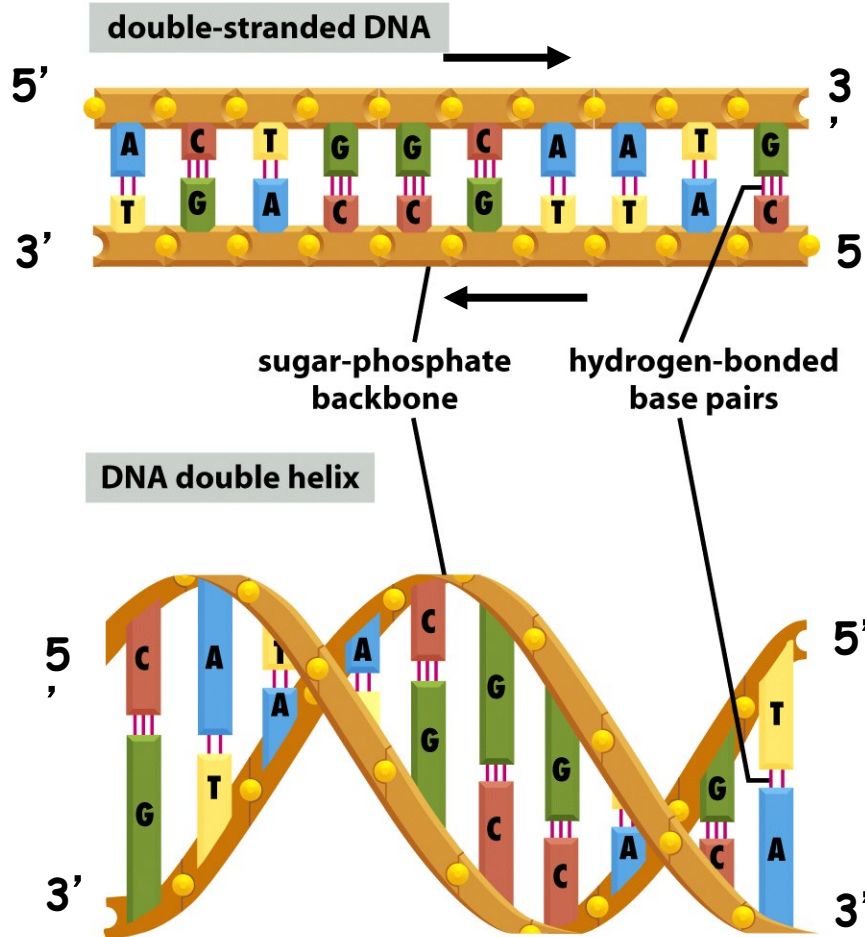
\*Data for *C. elegans* and *A. thaliana* are based on those for close relative organisms.

Note that even though the level of any one nucleotide is different in different organisms, the amount of A always approximately equals the amount of T, and the level of G is always similar to that of C. Moreover, as you can calculate for yourself, the total amount of purines (A plus G) nearly always equals the total amount of pyrimidines (C plus T).

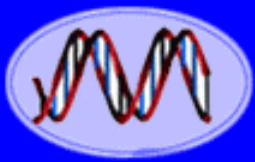
### What Would You Predict For a Single-Stranded DNA?



# DNA is a Double Helix of Two Complementary Chains of DNA Wound Around Each Other



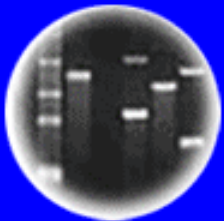
1. Complementary Strands
2. A=T and G=C (Four Bases)
3. Sequence of Strands Differ
4. Bases to Interior
5. Phosphate-Sugar Backbone on Exterior
6. DNA Strands in Opposite Direction (Only Way Helix Fits)
7. Sequence of One Chain Automatically Specifies Sequence of Complementary Chain (Basis of Replication!)
8. No Constraint on Sequence  
( $4^n = n$  # sequences)
9. DNA has dimensions (Know # bp  
Know Length: 20Å diameter, 3.4Å/bp, 10bp/turn)
10. Sequence = Biology



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**A Bacterium That Can Grow by Using Arsenic Instead of Phosphorus** Science, December 2, 2010

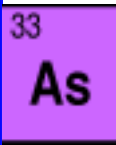
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### Subsisting on Arsenic, a Microbe May Redefine Life

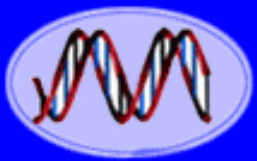
By DENNIS OVERBYE New York Times, December 2, 2010



The newfound bacteria thrives in the arsenic-rich waters of Mono Lake in California.



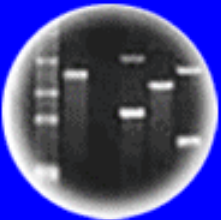




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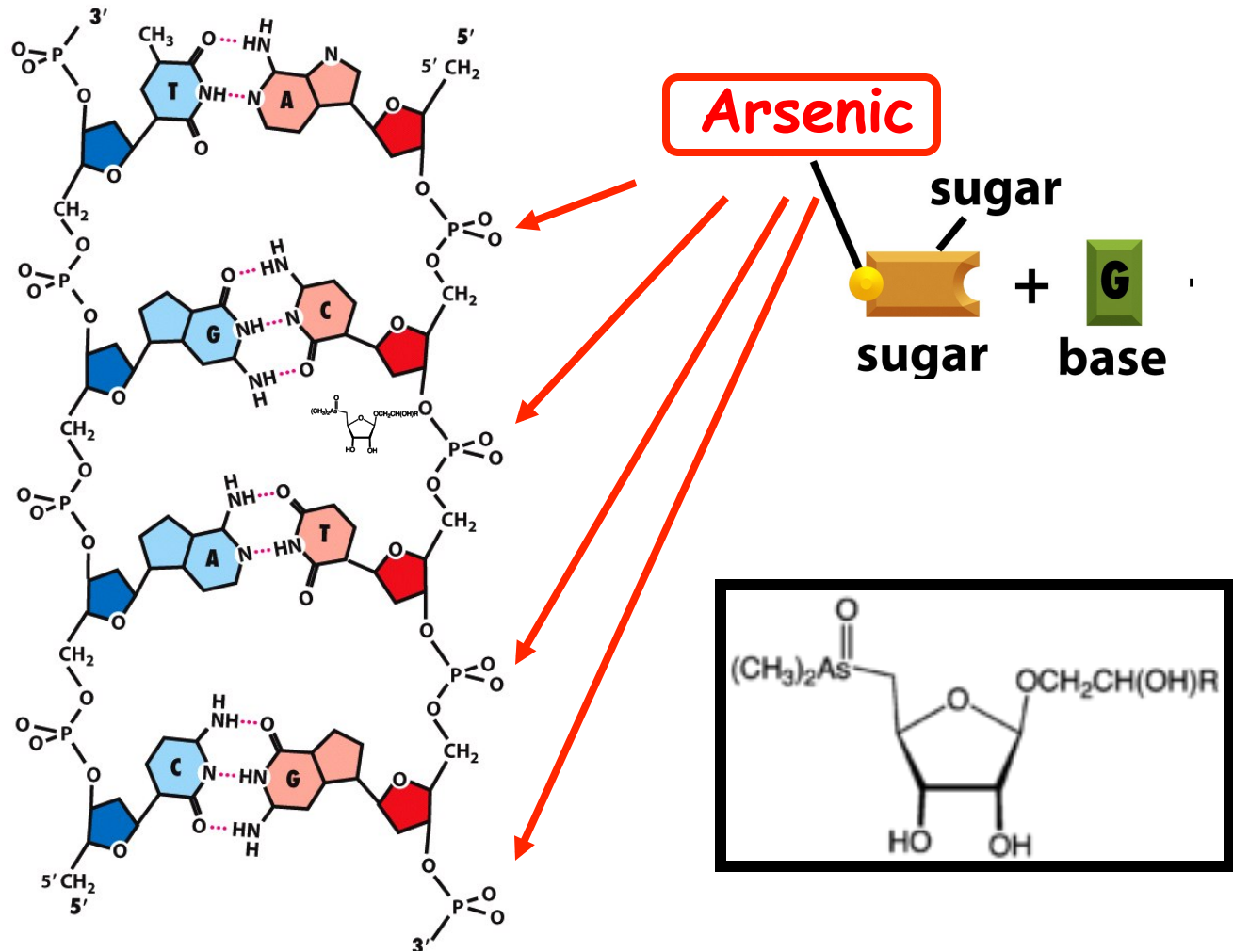


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# The Mysterious Case of Arsenic DNA

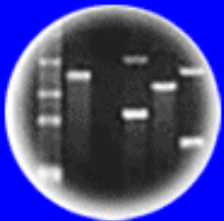




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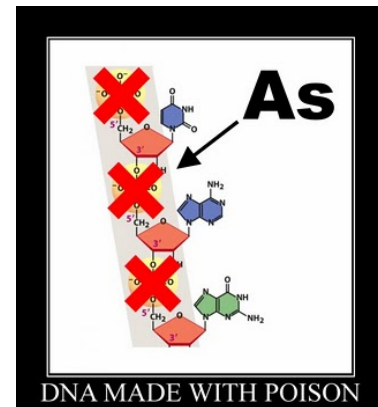
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Does Growing Bacteria on Arsenic and Showing that Radioactive Arsenic is Associated With a DNA Fraction of the Cell Demonstrate Unambiguously That the Nucleotides in the Double Helix are Bound Together by Bonds Containing Arsenic?

- a. Yes
- b. no



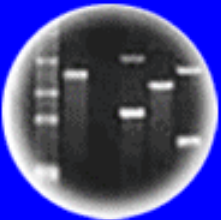




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# No Arsenic in Arsenic Bacteria's Genome!!

## 'Arseniclife' bug lacks arsenic in genome's DNA

By Dan Vergano, USA TODAY

Updated 12/2/2011 5:49 PM

*Halomonas sp.* 3.5 Mb and 3500 genes, Phung et al., November 30, 2011

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## Genome of Controversial Arsenic Bacterium Sequenced

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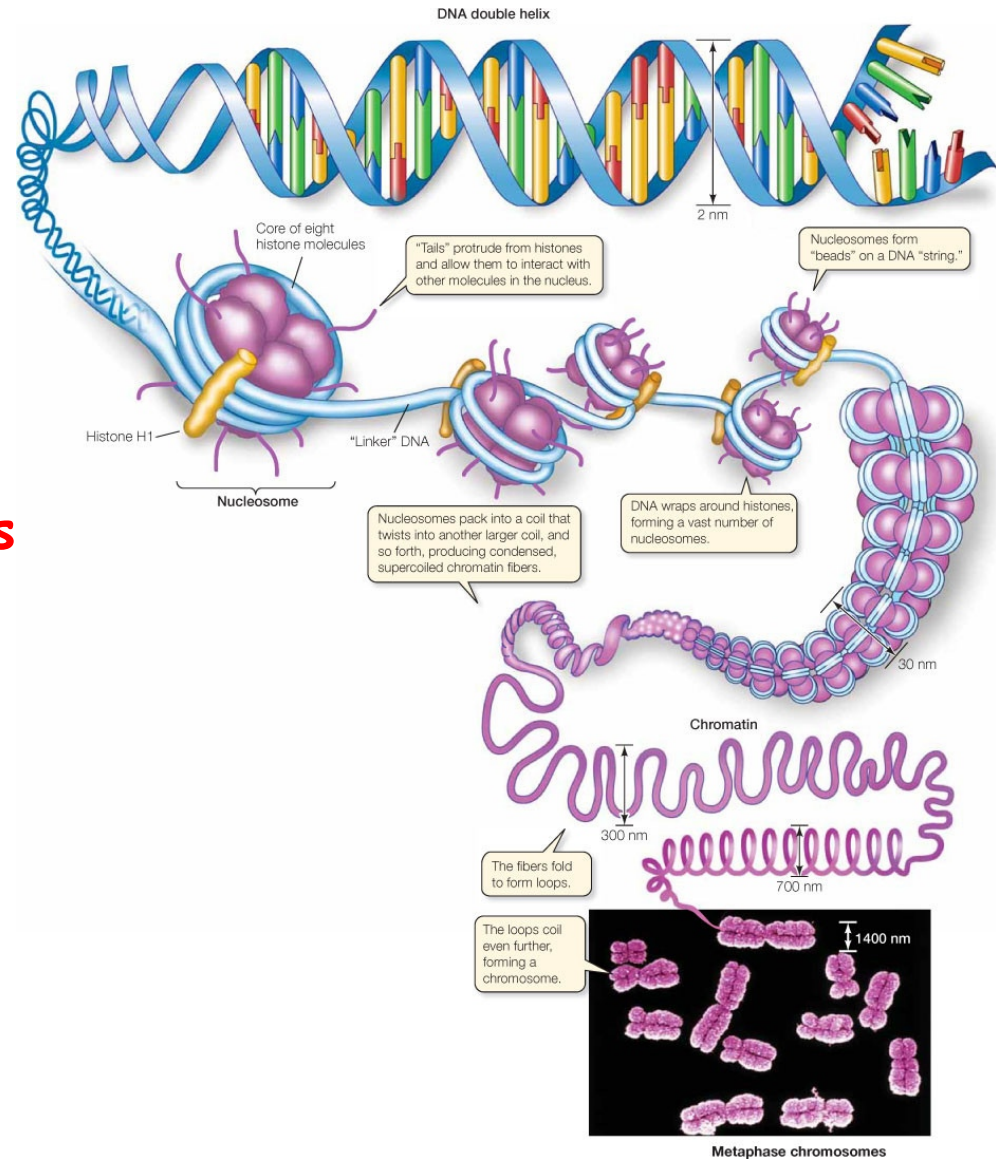
NEXT ARTICLE

Our data show evidence for arsenate in macromolecules that normally contain phosphate, most notably nucleic acids and proteins.

One year ago [those 18 words](#) ignited quite a media controversy when Felisa Wolfe-Simon and her colleagues held a press conference to announce the discovery of a bacterium that not only survived high levels of arsenic in its environment but also seemed to use that element in its DNA. Five months later, the debate [resurfaced](#) with the publication of critical [comments](#) on the original research.

Last week, the genome of the bacterium, known as GFAJ-1, was [posted](#) in Genbank, the public repository of DNA sequences for all who care to take a look. But it doesn't settle the debate over whether arsenic is used in DNA.

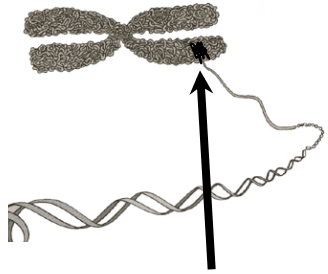
# A Chromosome Contains One (or Two!!) Continuous DNA Molecule(s)



**DNA in Human & Eukaryotic Chromosomes is Linear and Wrapped Around Proteins Called Histones!**

**DNA in Most Bacteria is Circular!**

# A Chromosome Contains Many Genes That Work As Individual Units (How Know?)



**Position of Genes 1, 2, & 3 in chromosome**

**Discrete Units! Evidence?**

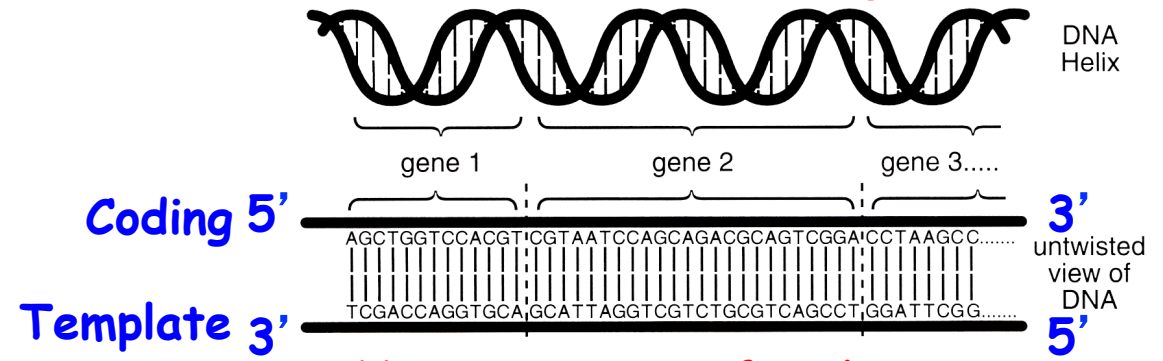
**Notice- Each gene, mRNA, & protein has a unique order/sequence of monomeric units**

**Central Dogma**

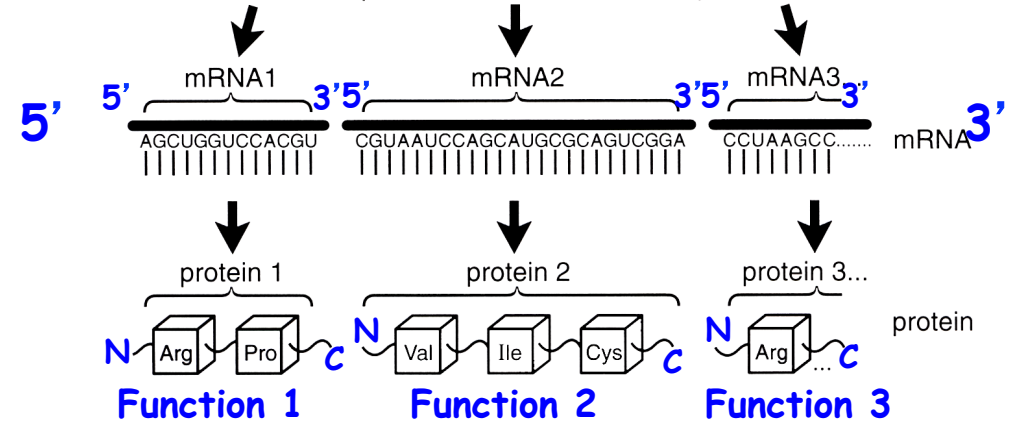
**∴ Genes -> Functions in Cells via Proteins**

**Cells duplicate & stay the same -> DNA replication**

**What delineates each gene?**



**Notice sequence of each gene**

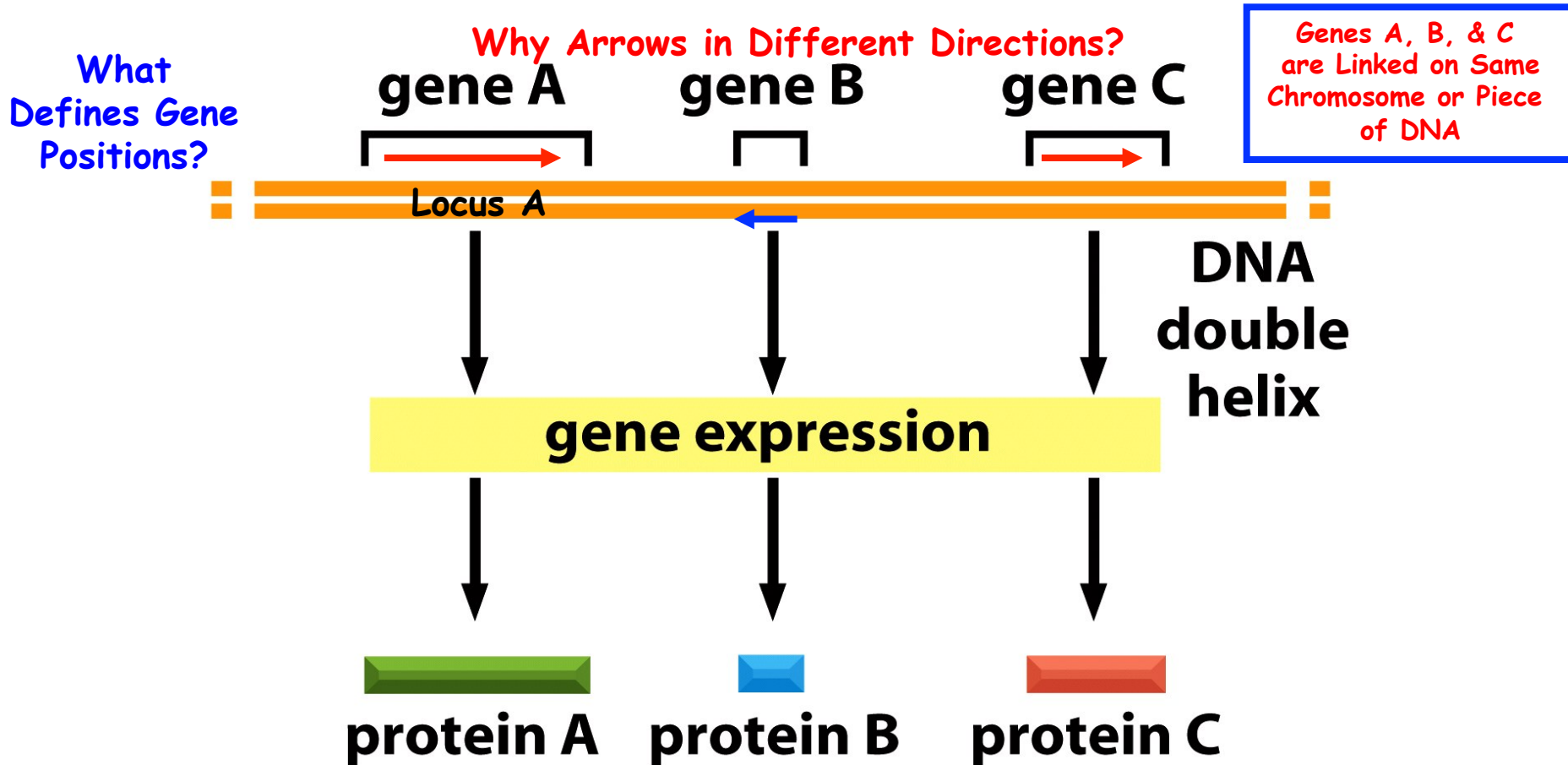


**Note sequence of each protein**

**VERY IMPORTANT CONCEPT!**

**COLINEARITY BETWEEN GENE SEQUENCE AND PROTEIN SEQUENCE**

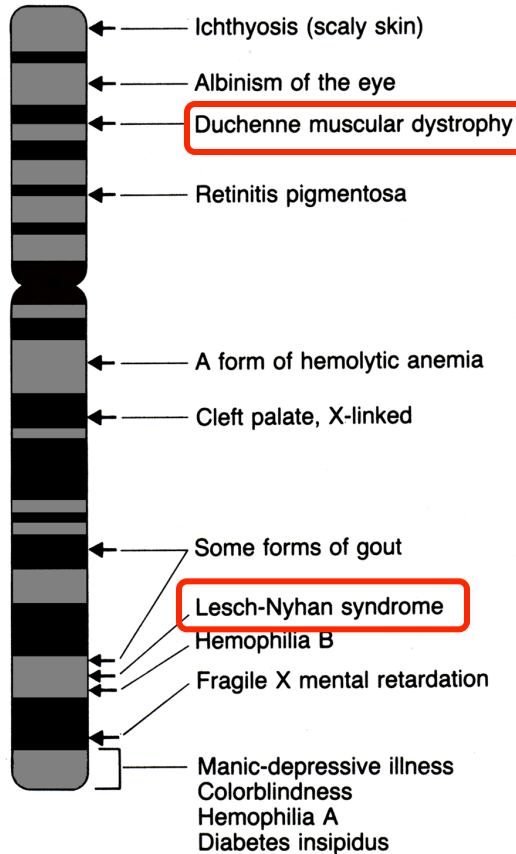
# A Chromosome Contains Many Genes That Reside at Specific Positions (Loci) and Have Unique Functions



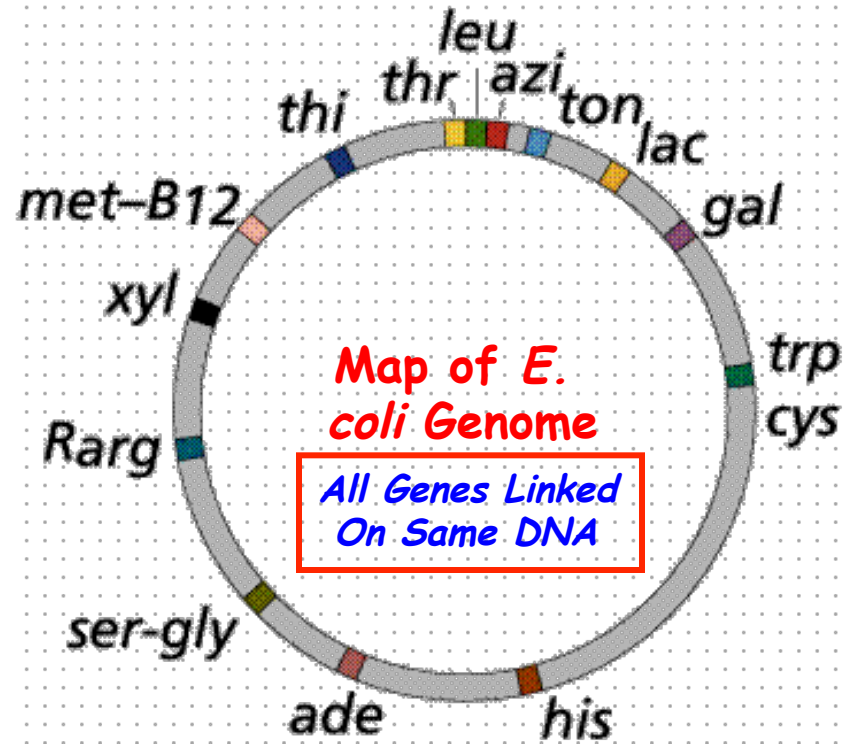
Because DNA Contains Two Strands--Genes Can Be Transcribed From Either Strand--But Only One Per Gene

# Genes Reside at Specific Locations

*All Genes Linked on Same Chromosome  
or Piece of DNA*



**Linear DNA**  
How Know?

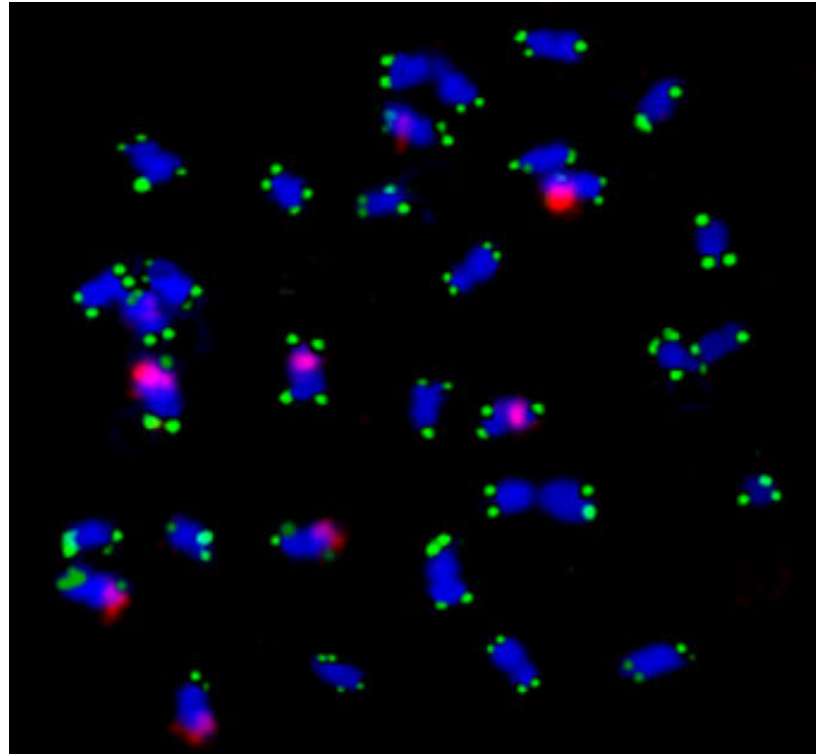


**Circular DNA**  
How Know?

- Note Marker Bands - What are these?
- How Know Gene Positions? Chromosome Number?

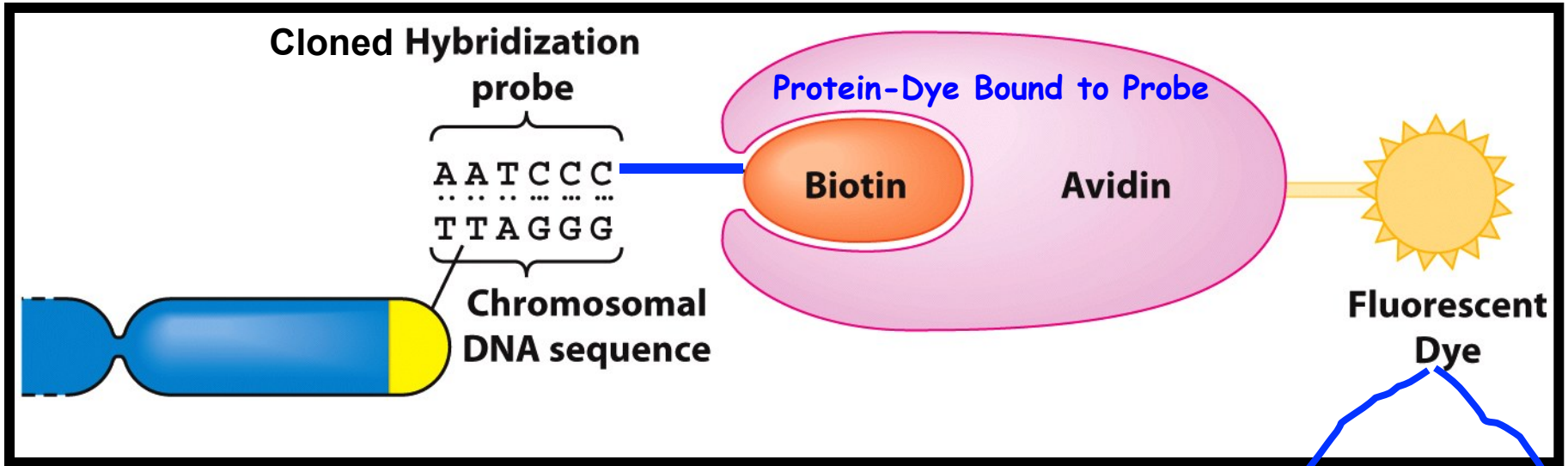


**Genes Reside at Specific  
Positions, or Loci, That Can Be  
Mapped and Visualized**

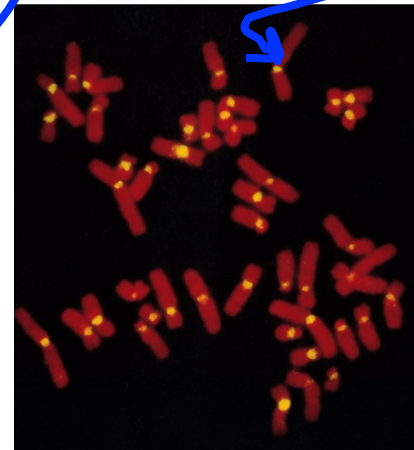
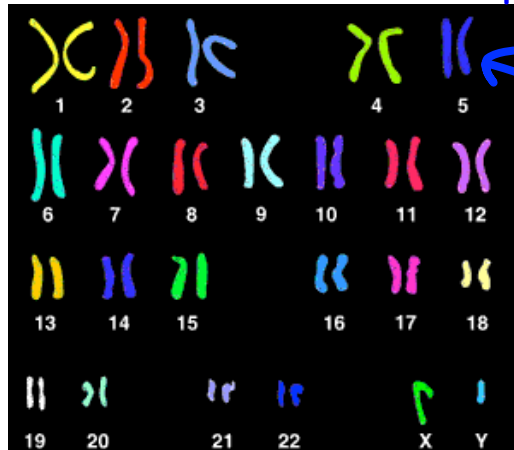
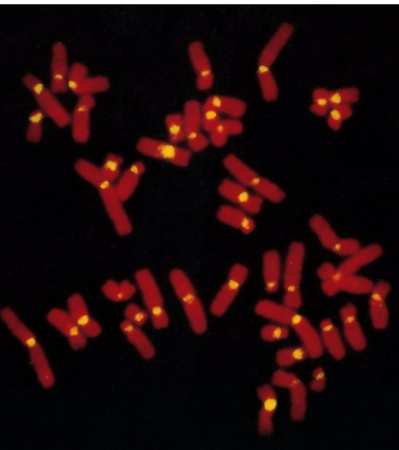


**Gene Position = Locus = Unique DNA  
Sequence**

# Visualization of Specific Gene Loci Using Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)



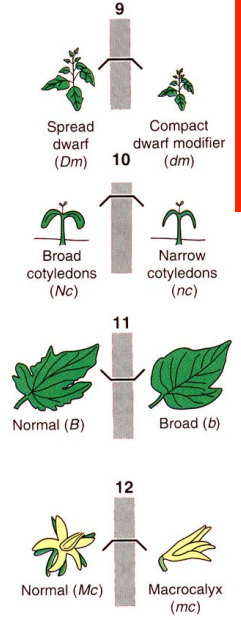
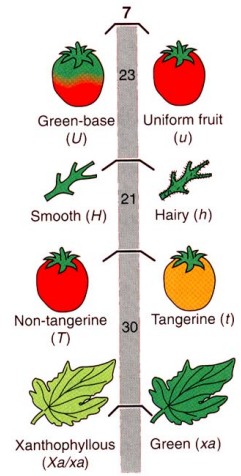
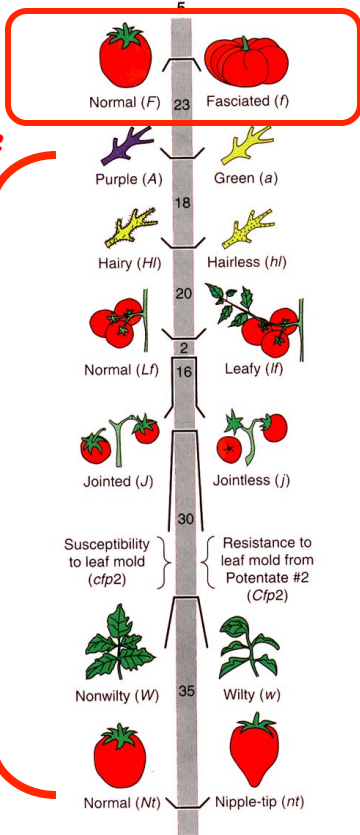
Dyes of Different Colors & Chromosome-Specific Probes



# Alleles Reside at the Same Position on a Chromosome

Different Alleles at Same Position on Chromosome

Different Genes All Linked on One Chromosome



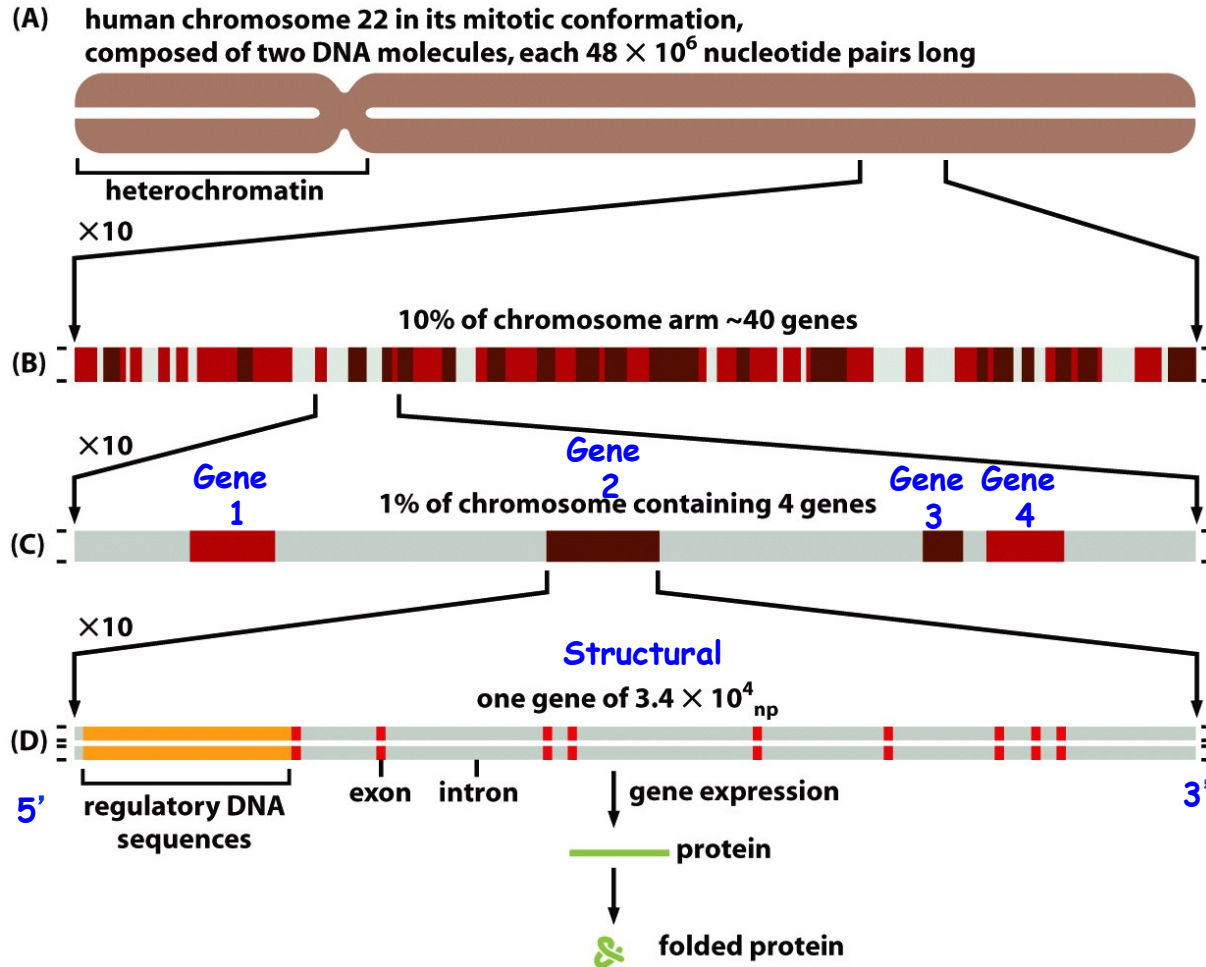
Gene Engineering Can Generate New Forms of Alleles of a Gene and, therefore, Results in More Genetic Diversity

Each Phenotype is a MARKER for the Allele & It's Position on the Chromosome Genetically!

mutations result in genetic diversity!!!

Alleles Are Different Forms of the Same Gene That Arise By Mutation & Can be Made in a Laboratory By Modern Genetic Engineering!

# Organization of Genes on Human Chromosome 22

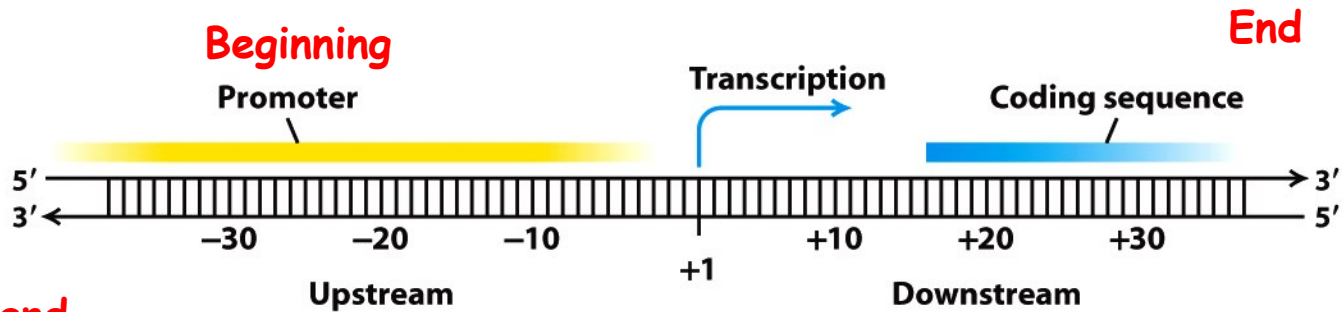


Genes Are Defined/  
Precise Regions of  
DNA

One Large Gene!

Genes Act As Individual Units?  
How Know? Design an Experiment!!

# A Conceptualized Gene



## Sense Strand

Nontemplate strand 5' **CTGCCATTGTCAGACATGTATACCCCGTACGTCTTCCCGAGCGAAAACGATCTGCGCTGC** 3' } DNA  
 Template strand 3' **GACGGTAACAGTCTGTACATATGGGGCATGCAGAAGGGCTCGCTTTTGCTAGACGCGACG** 5' }

## Transcribed Strand

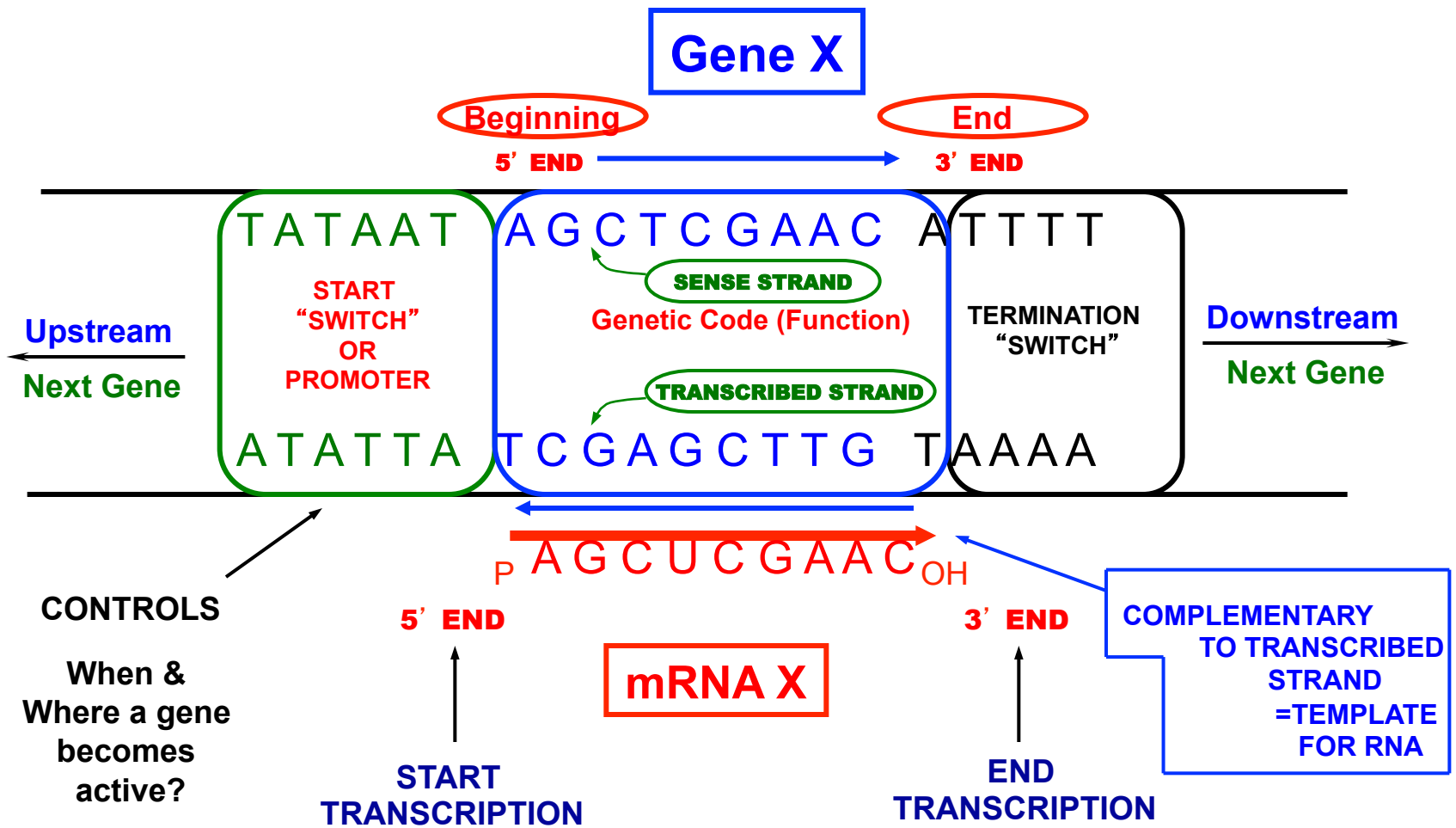
5' **CUGCCAUUGUCAGACAUGUAUACCCCGUACGUCUCCCGAGCGAAAACGAUCUGCGCUGC** 3' Primary RNA transcript

Complementary to Transcribed Strand  
 or SAME Sequence  
 as Sense Strand

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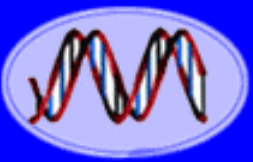


# A Gene is a Specific DNA Sequence That Directs the Expression of a Unique Trait



**UNIQUE CELLS !**

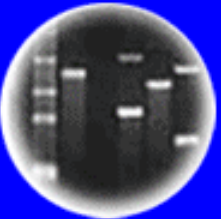
**Note: mRNA Sequence = Sense Strand Sequence**



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# A "Simple" Gene Reviewed

1. Sense Strand = Genetic Code
2. Sense Strand = 5' → 3' Direction (all DNA sequences specified 5' → 3')
3. AntiSense Strand = Complement of Sense Strand & is Transcribed Strand
4. mRNA = Same Sequence As Sense Strand & Complementary to Antisense Strand
5. mRNA = 5' → 3'
6. Switch Turns Gene On - Not Transcribed But Upstream of Coding Region

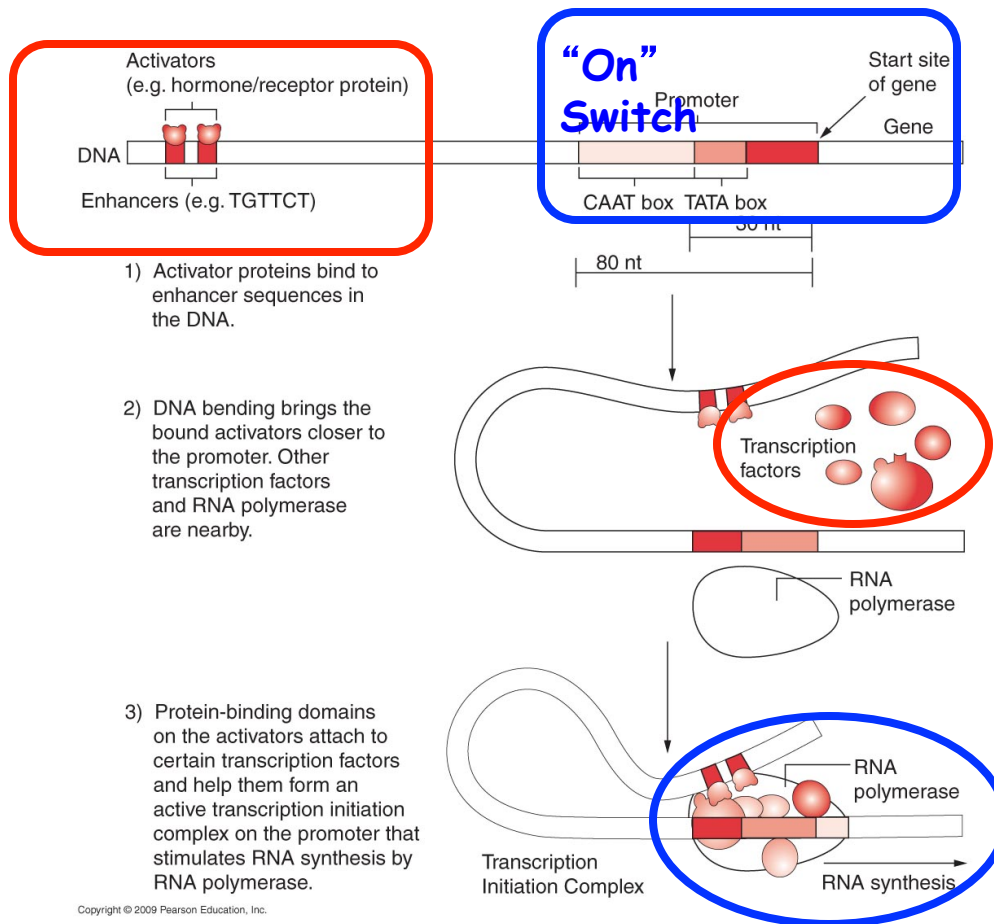
Genes Function As Independent Units -  
Design Experiment to Show!

"Everything" Follows the Double Helix & Its Rules -  
Anti-parallel Chains & Complementary Base Pairing!

# Control Switches Are Unique DNA Sequences & Can Be Cloned

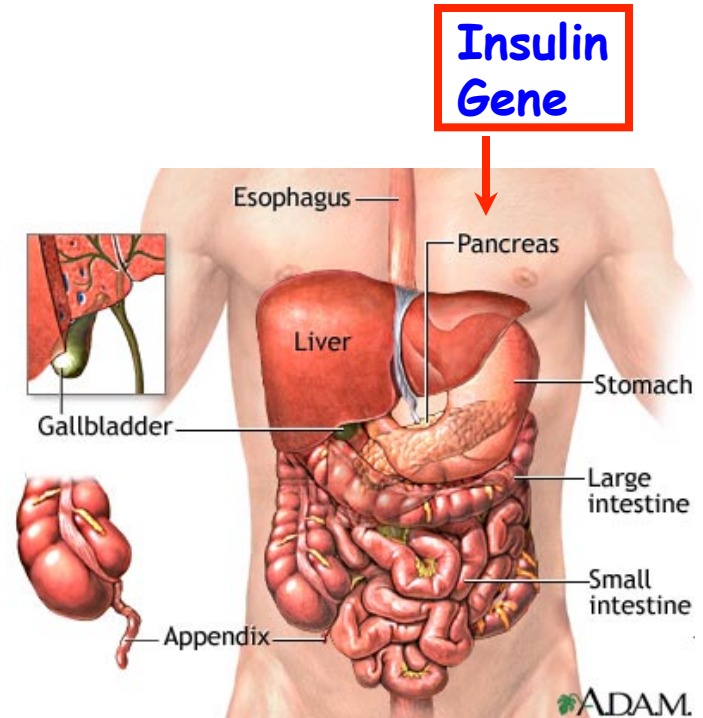
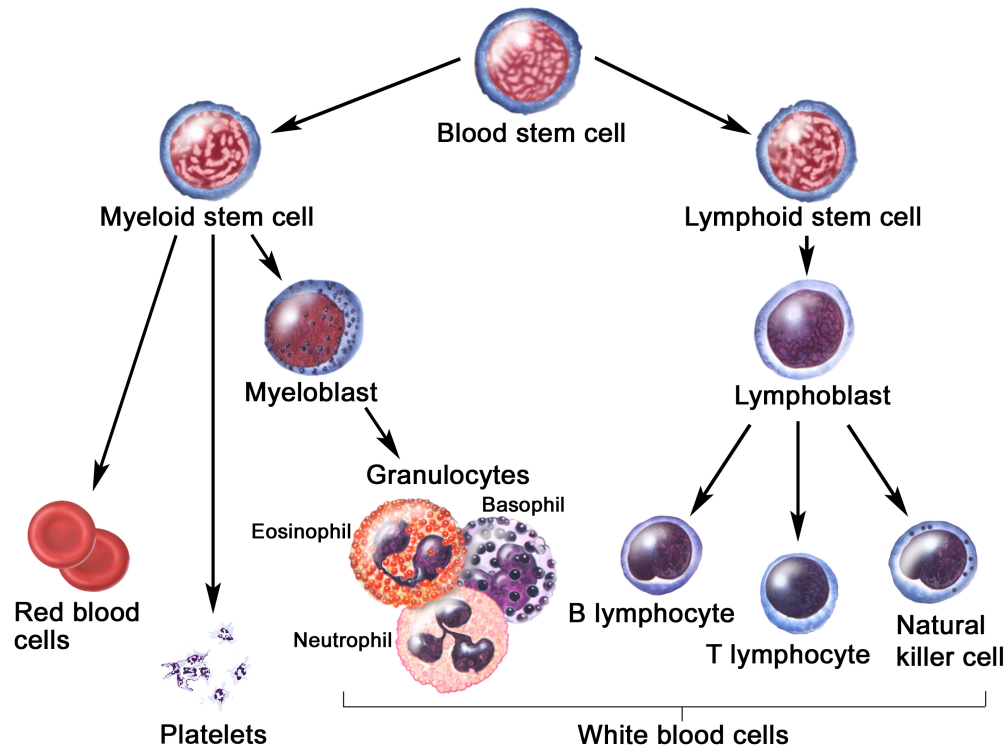
AND used to Re-Engineer Organisms!!  
Switches Act Independently of Gene!!

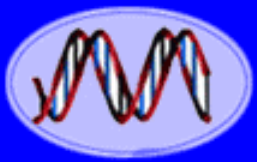
“Control”  
Switch



1. Each Switch Has a Unique DNA Sequence
2. Genome Projects Reveal Genes & Logic Controlled by the Switches
3. Sequence = Biology
4. No Hocus Pocus
5. Yo! It's in the DNA!!

# Switches Control Where & When A Gene Is Active → Unique Functions → Unique Cells

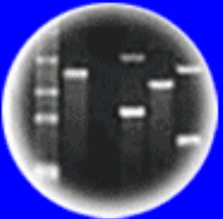




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Genetic Code of Life



Entire Genetic Code  
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# THE GENE AND SWITCHES ARE UNIQUE DNA SEQUENCES

1. They Can Be Cloned & “Shuffled” & Engineered Creating **New** Genes That Have No Counterparts in Nature. ⇒ **Genetic Engineering**
2. These New Genes Can Be Transcribed in New Cell Types (Switch Change) &/or Organisms &/or Both.

Human Genes + Plant Leaf Switch  
Bacterial Switch + Human Insulin cDNA

3. All Genes are Regulated & Controlled by Switches. Genome Projects Reveal Both The Genes & The Switches & Wiring Together of All Switches in Gene. ⇒ Program of Life From Birth to Death

**Yo! It's in the Sequences!!**



# The Eye Gene Can Be Expressed in Different Parts of the Fly by Engineering the Eye Switch

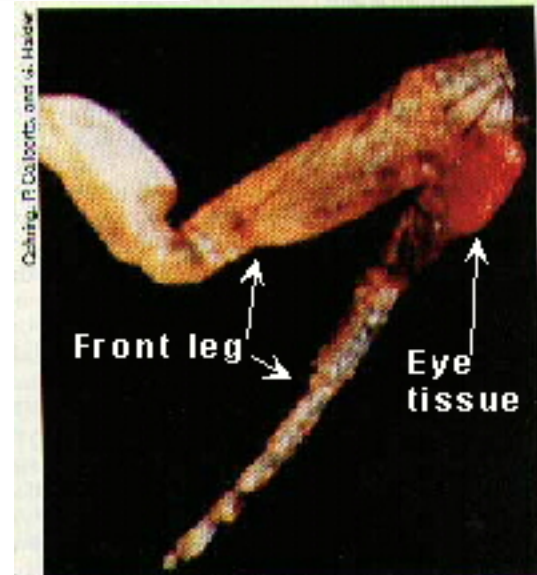
Eye Gene



Replace the Head Switch With the Leg Switch by Genetic Engineering



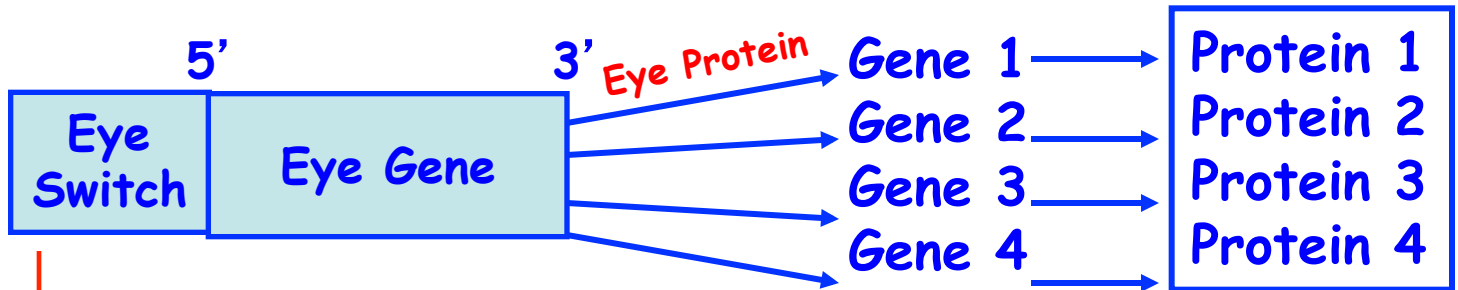
Eye Gene  
+  
Leg Switch



Abnormal activity of the eyeless gene has generated an eye on the leg of a fly.

# Eye Genetic Regulatory Network (GRN)

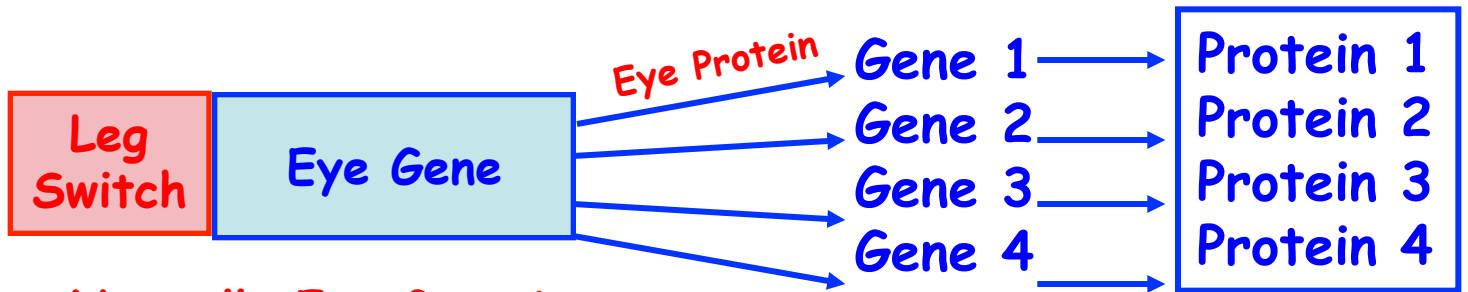
Control Genes Like The Eye Gene Control The Activity of Other Genes!



Works in Head!

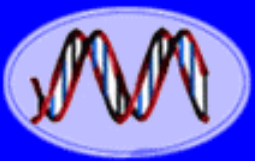
Eye Protein Binds to Switches to Turn Genes On!

Eye on Head!



Normally Eye Gene is OFF in Leg. Switch only Works in Leg.

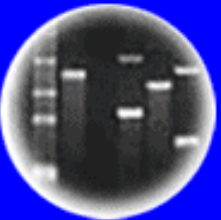
Eye on Leg!



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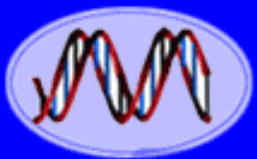
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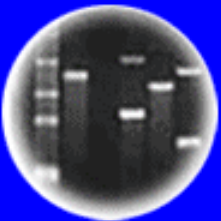
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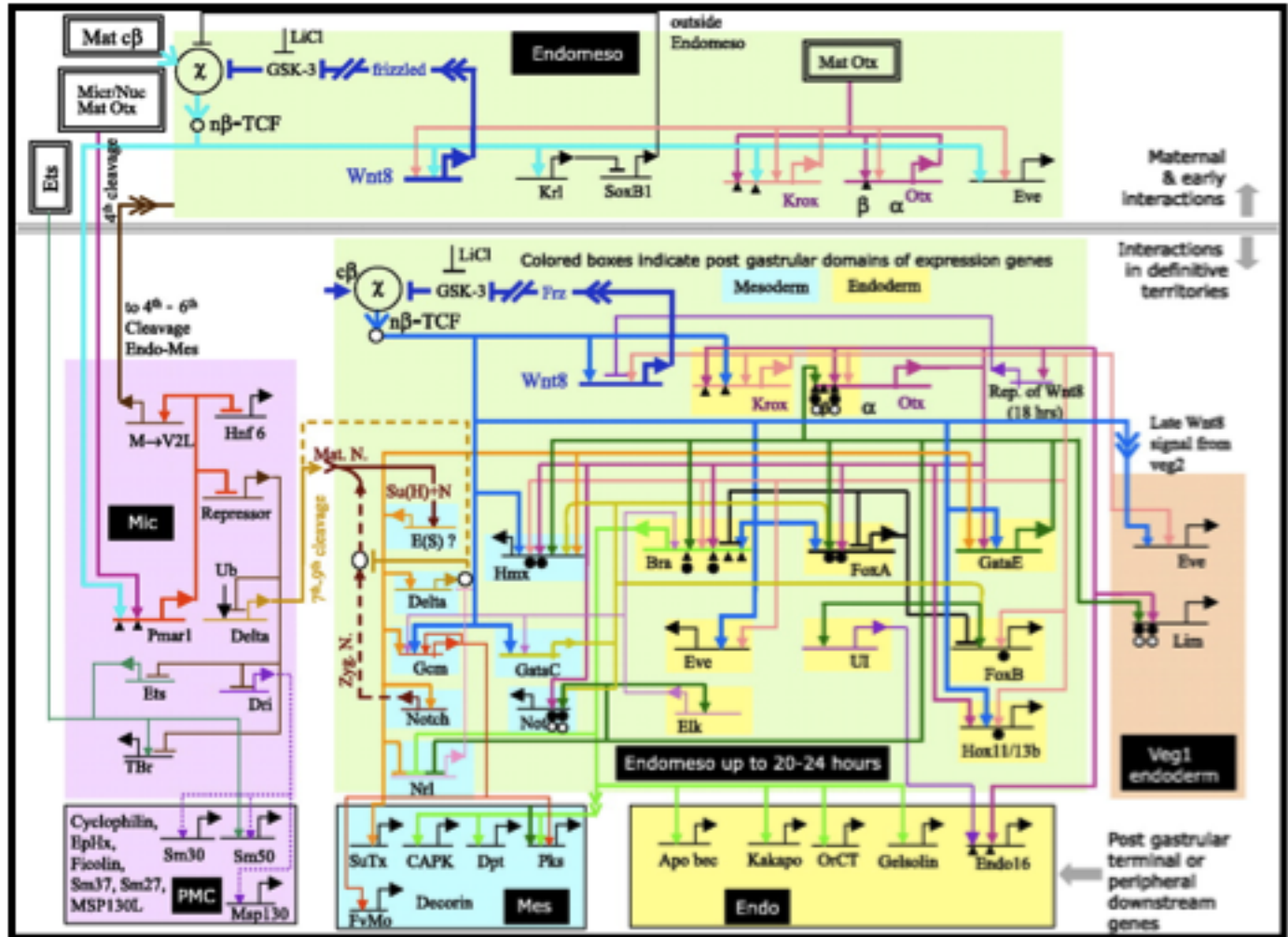


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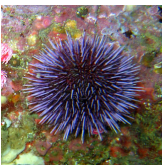
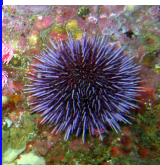


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# Ultimate Goal: To Dissect Genetic Regulatory Networks Programming Human Development From Birth to Death!



## Genetic Networks Programming Early Sea Urchin Development

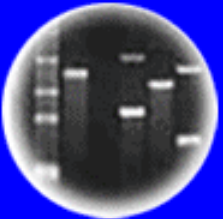




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# 100 Years Into The Future

1. If the Entire Human Genome is Sequenced?
2. If the Function/Protein of All Genes Are Known?
3. If All the Switches Are Identified & How They Go On & Off From Birth to Death?
4. If We Understand How Genes Are Choreographed & All the Sequences That Program them

## What Does the Future Hold?

We Will Know at the DNA Level What Biological Information Programs Life to Death!

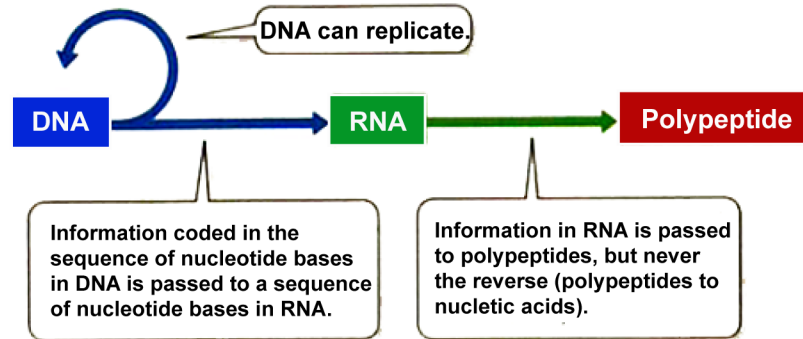
*What Does This Mean For The Future of Humanity?*

Remember - Mendel's Law Were Only Rediscovered 100 Years Ago & Look What We Can Do & Now!



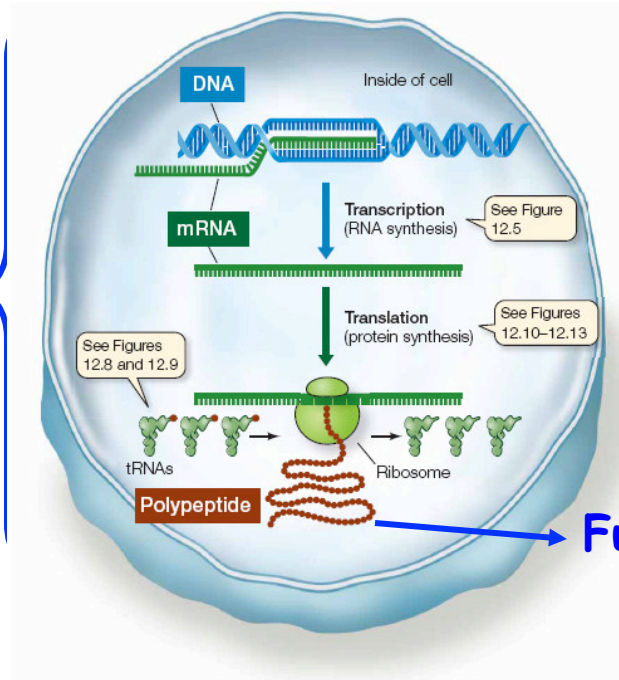
# How Do Genes Work-A Review

## ① Replication

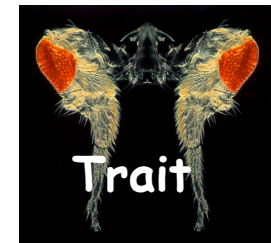


## ② Gene Activity to Function & Phenotype

Gene Activity  
↓  
Protein  
↓  
Function  
↓  
Phenotype (Trait)



Function →

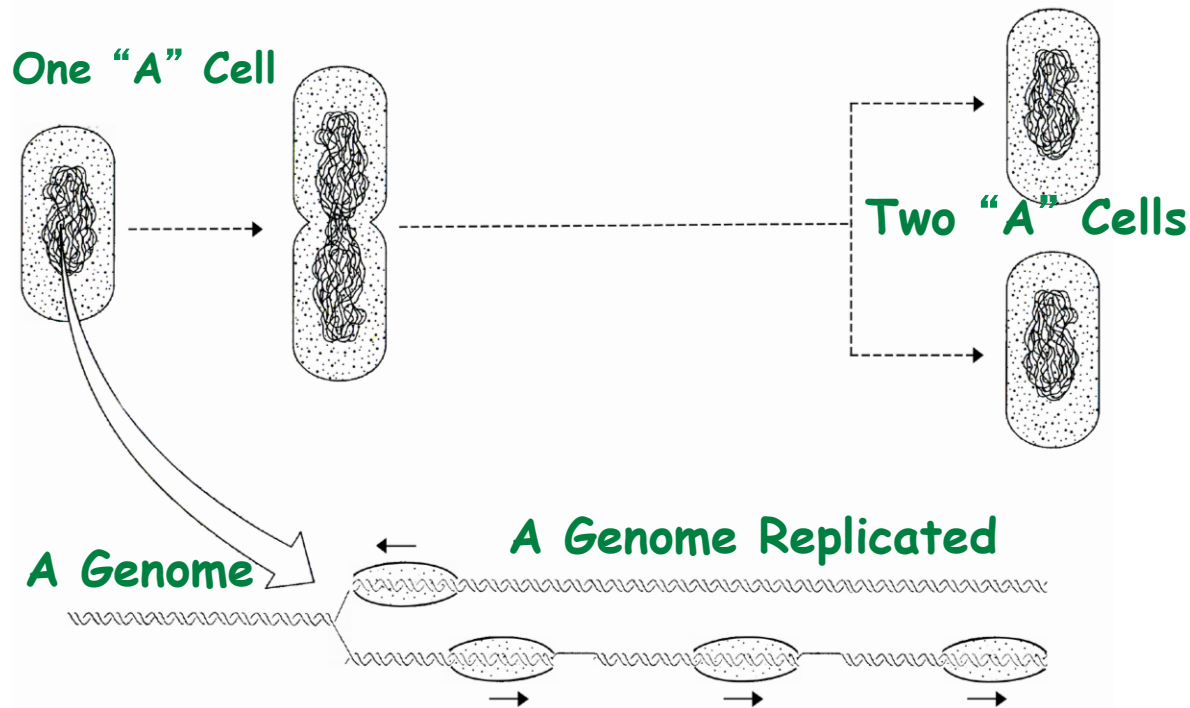


**A Gene is NOT Expressed Unless A Functional Protein Produced!**



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# How Are Genes Replicated Each Cell Generation?

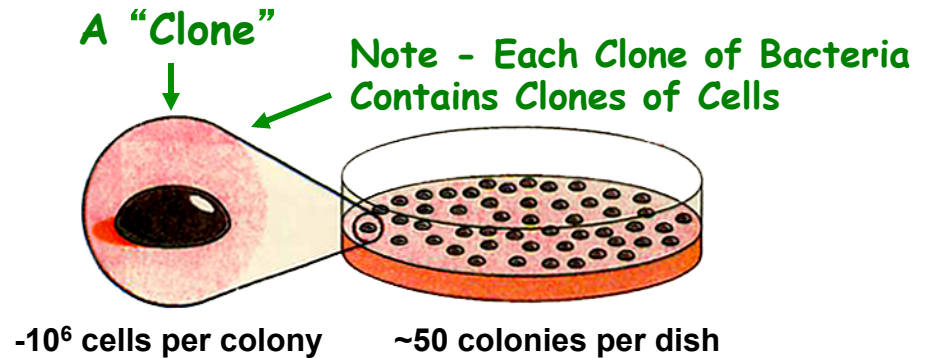
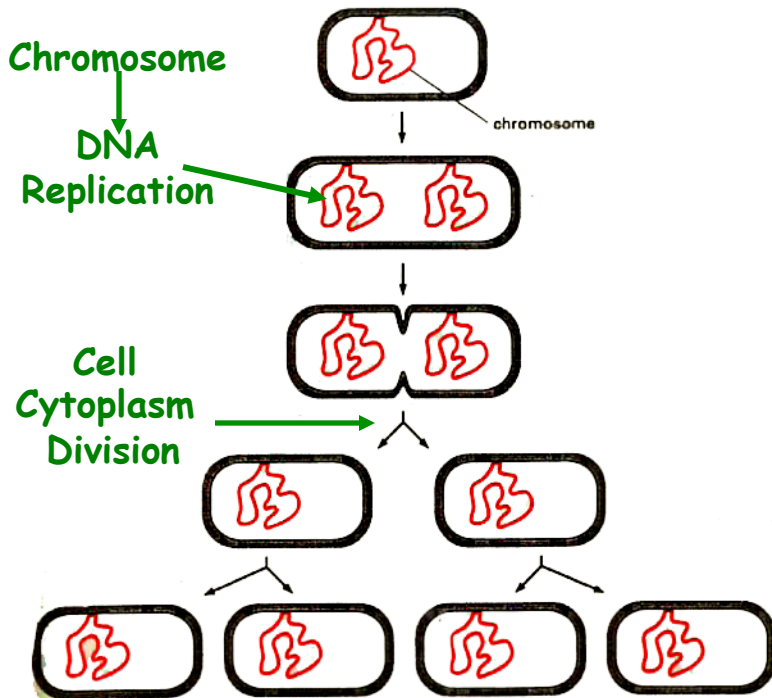


How is The DNA Sequence Copied/  
Replicated Each Cell Division?

Pass on Genes to Next Generation Precisely?

**BASIS OF LIFE!**

# Genes Are Replicated During Each Cell Division



Clones

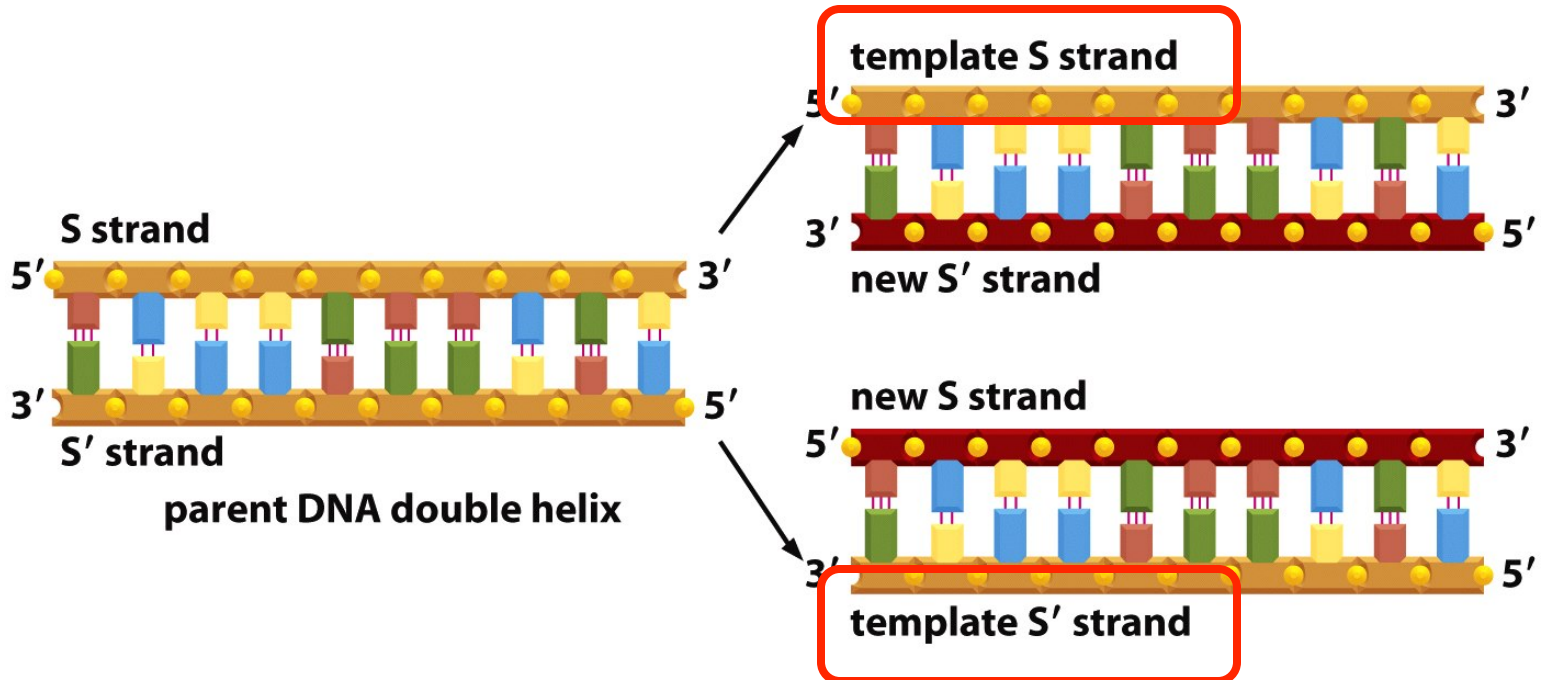
**A Bacterial Colony Contains Many Copies of Same Cell, or Clones, Which are Genetically Identical!**

**Each Daughter Cell Contains The Same Collection of Genes**

**Major Properties of Genetic Material**  
*Replication, Stability, & All Cells!!*

**Clones!**

# The Sequence of Each DNA Strand Must Be Maintained Division After Division

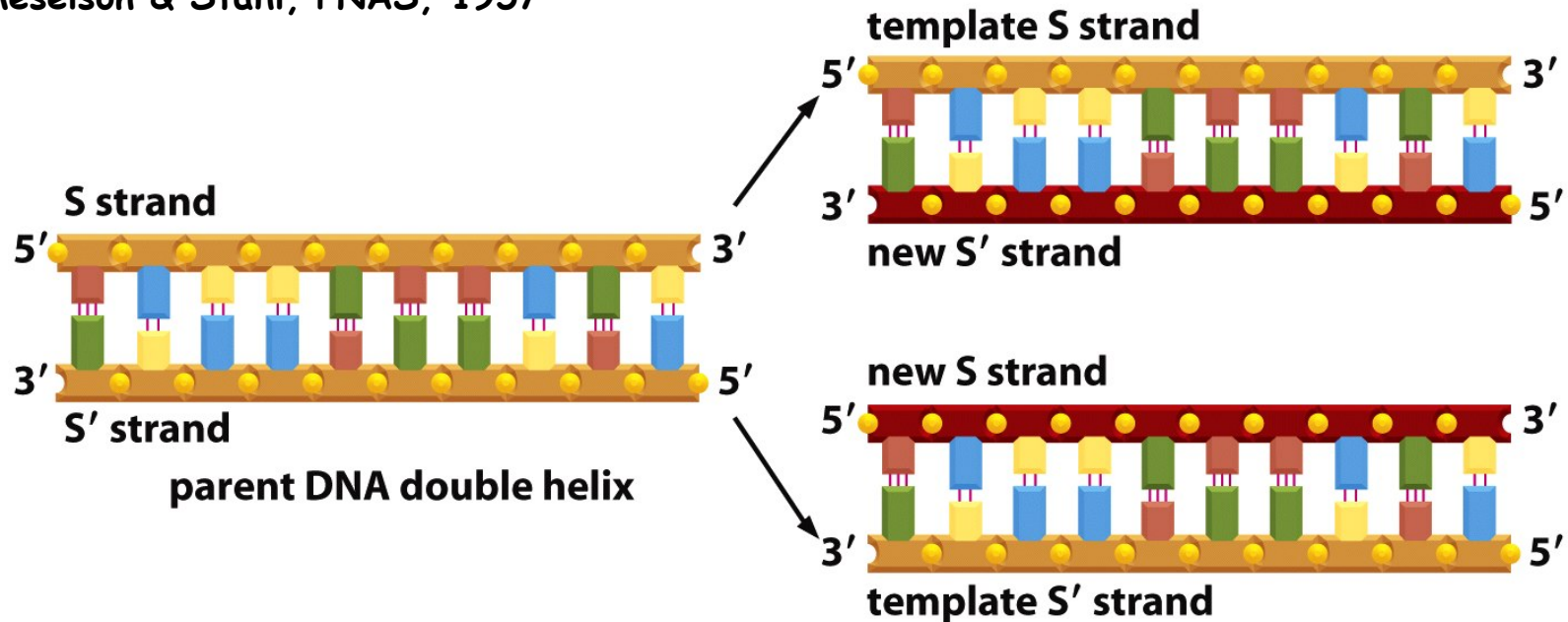


How Does This Occur?  
Property of The DNA Molecule

Note → **SEQUENCE & POLARITY**

# DNA Replication Occurs Semi-Conservatively

Meselson & Stahl, PNAS, 1957



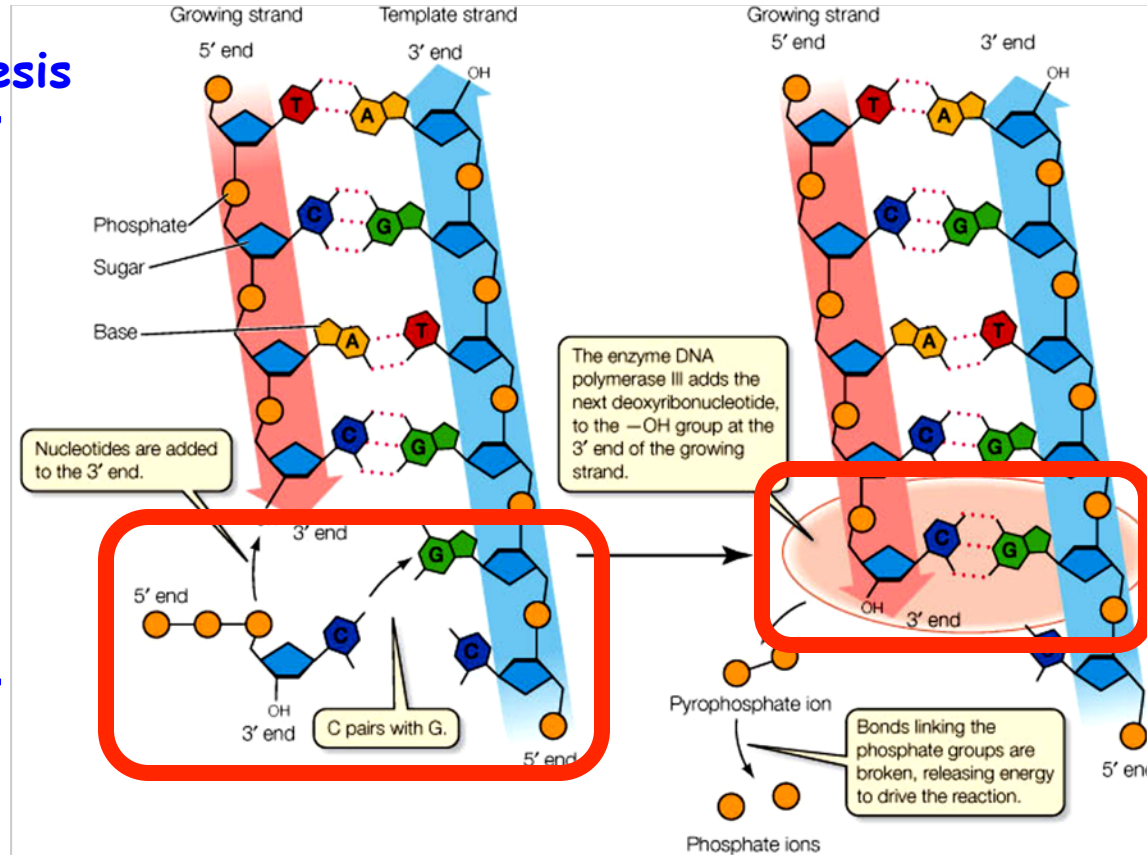
1. DNA Structure Allows DNA Sequence to Be Maintained by Complementary Base Pairing
2. Each Strand Serves as a Template for the Synthesis of a Complementary Strand
3. New DNA Molecules are Precise Copies of Parental DNA - Each Containing One Newly Synthesized Complementary Strand

# DNA Sequence of One Strand is A Template For The New Strand

Synthesis

5'

3'



Sequence is Specified by Complementary Bases

Note: 5' (P) & 3' (OH)

5' to 3' Polarity  
Specifies  
Sequence



# The DNA Sequence is Maintained Generation To Generation

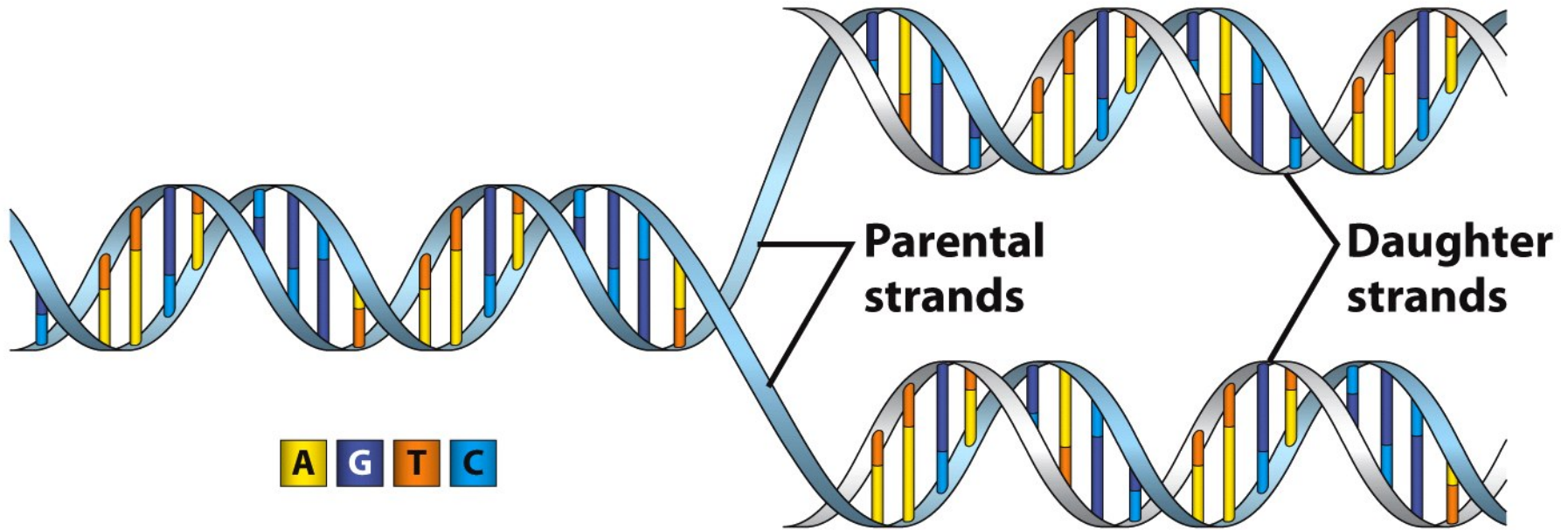
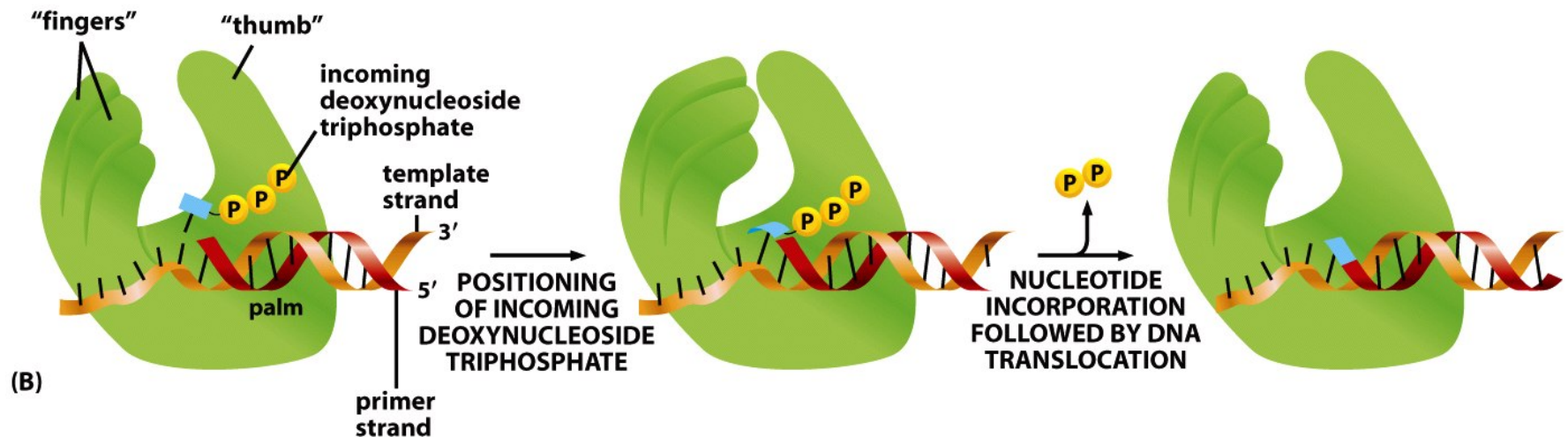
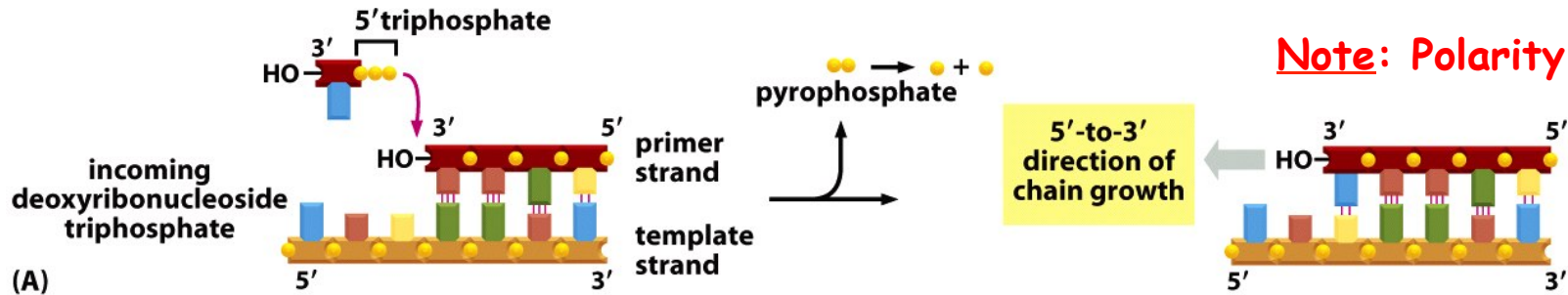


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**The DNA Sequence "Lives" Forever!**

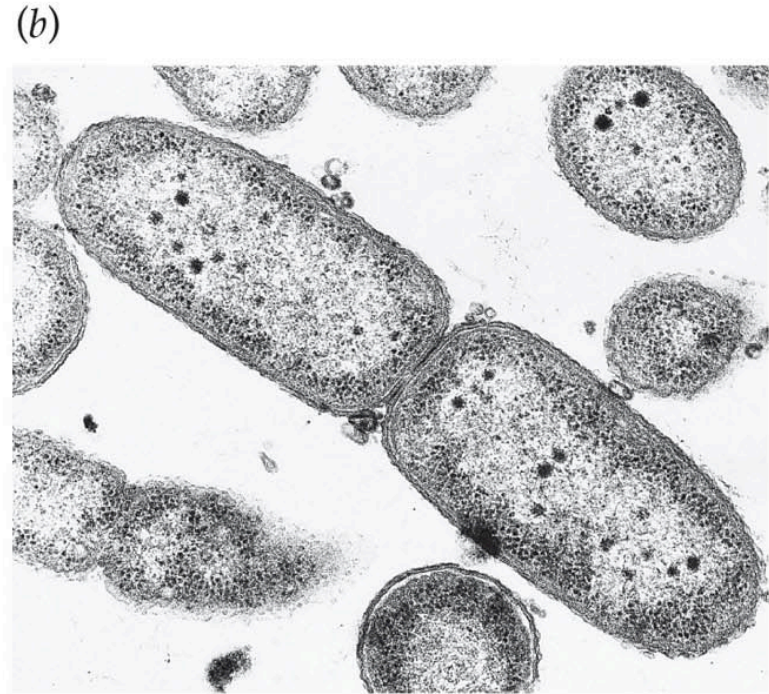
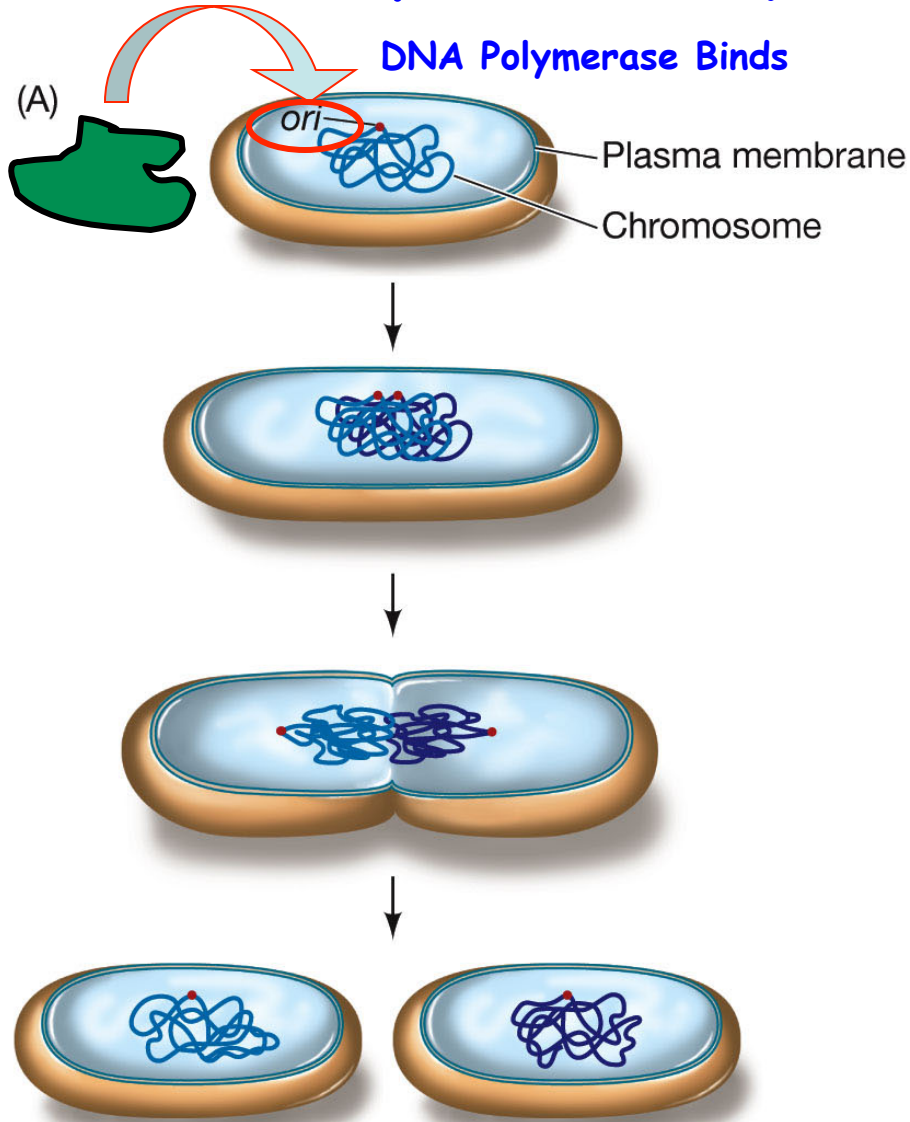
# DNA Replication Requires An Enzyme - DNA Polymerase

**Note: Nucleotide, Primer, & Template**



1. DNA Polymerase Catalyzes 3' -5' Phosphodiester Bonds & Copies the Template
2. DNA Replication Needs a Primer, Template, DNA Polymerase, & Nucleotides

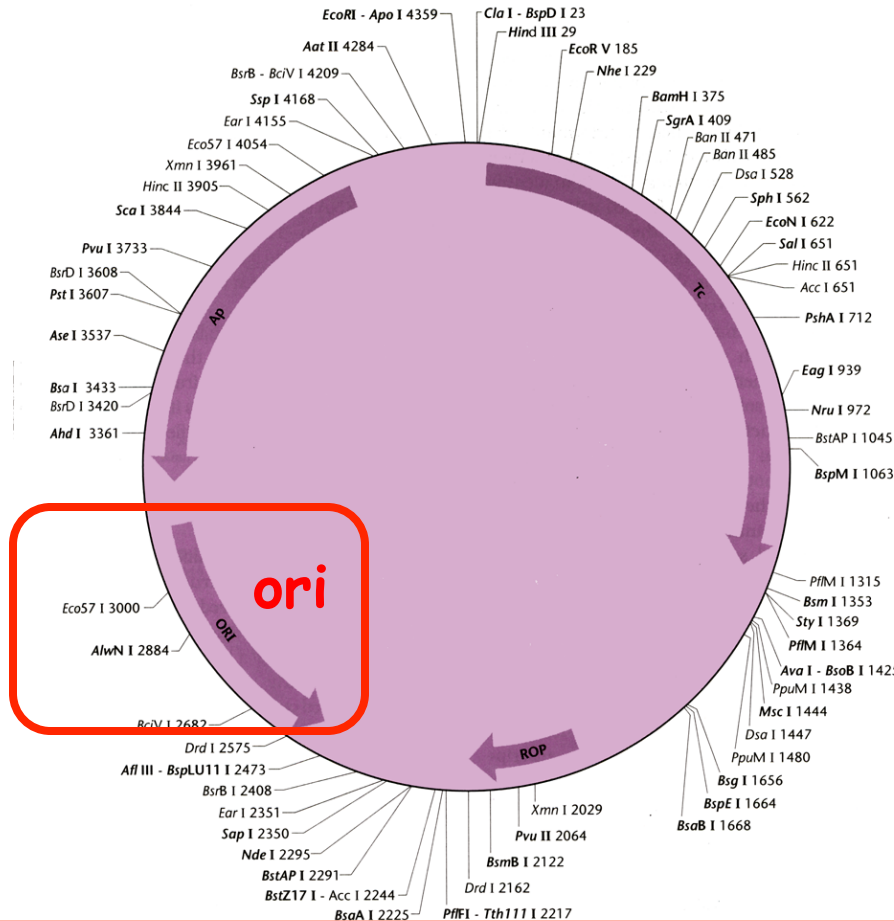
# DNA Replication Requires An **Origin** of Replication



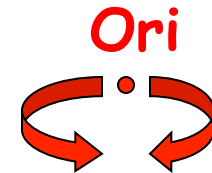
- DNA Replication Also Requires:**
1. Template
  2. Nucleotides
  3. DNA Polymerase (Machine)
  4. "Primer" to Start Replication

# Ori

## DNA Replication Starts at The Origin of Replication



DNA Replication is  
**Bidirectional** From  
the Ori!!!



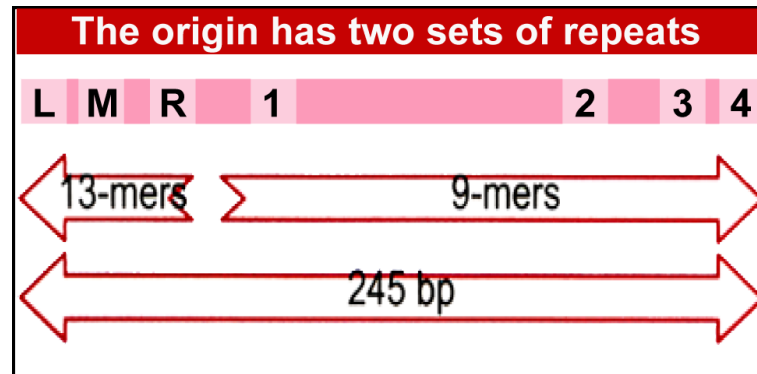
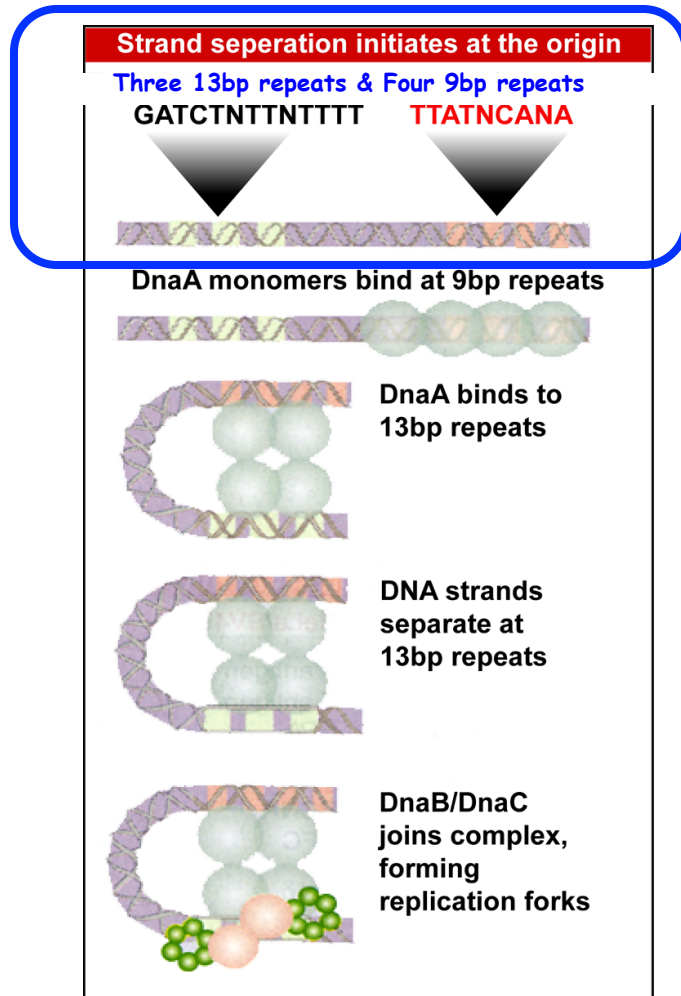
Hypothesis For  
Two Direction  
Synthesis?

DNA Polymerase Binds to The Origin of Replication (Ori) to  
Begin DNA Synthesis

How Control Division?



# The Origin of Replication is a Specific Sequence



1. How Clone An Origin of Replication?

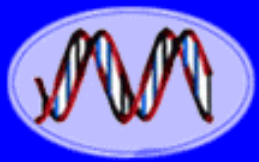
2. Specific Sequence - What Does This Mean For Genetic Engineering?

3. What is The Significance For Genetic Engineering?

4. Can Replicating "Chromosomes" Be Made?



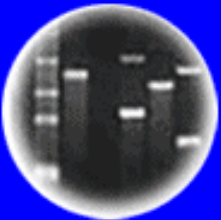
# Vectors Are Needed To Replicate Genes In Transformed Cells



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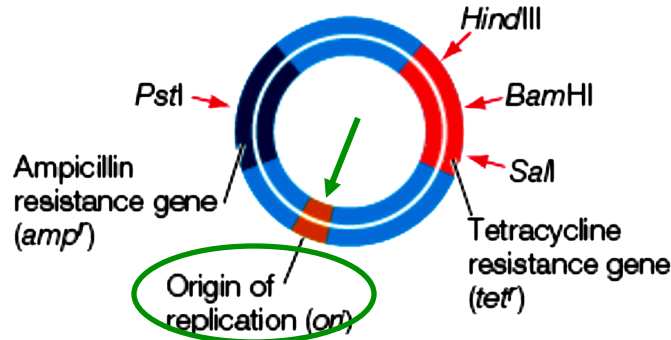


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(A) Plasmid pBR322  
Host: *E. coli*



↓ Recognition Site for Restriction Enzymes

Note →

Need Bacterial Ori to clone human gene in bacteria. Need human Ori to replicate a bacterial gene in human cells.

Yo! It's in the Sequence = Function

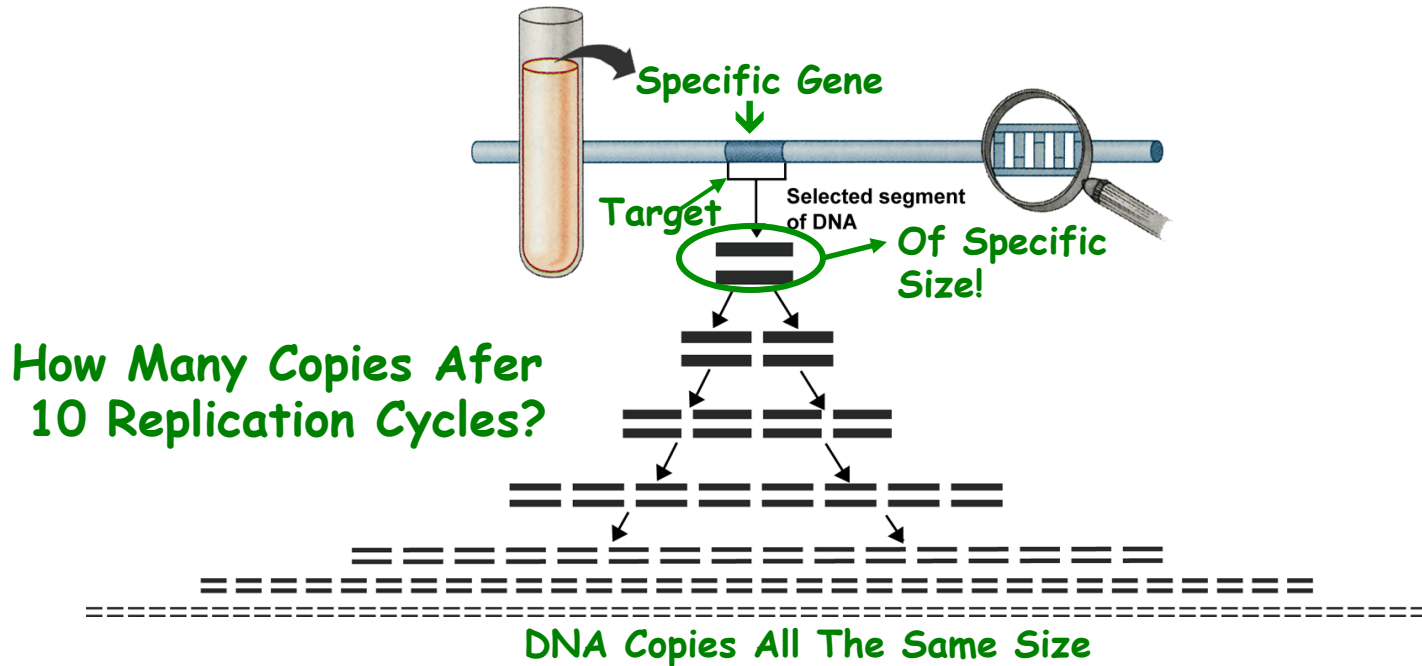
∴ Vectors can be Engineered!

Ori's can be cloned/synthesized!

**MODULAR!!**

1. Ori is a specific sequence
2. Ori is Genome & Organism Specific
3. DNA Polymerases are Specific For Each Organism Therefore need correct Ori to Replicate Gene in a Specific Organism!

# The Polymerase Chain Reaction or PCR is A Molecular Xerox Machine



1. PCR Has Revolutionized DNA Analysis!  
Specific DNA Sequences/Genes Can Be “Copied” Directly  
From “Tiny” Amount of DNA!

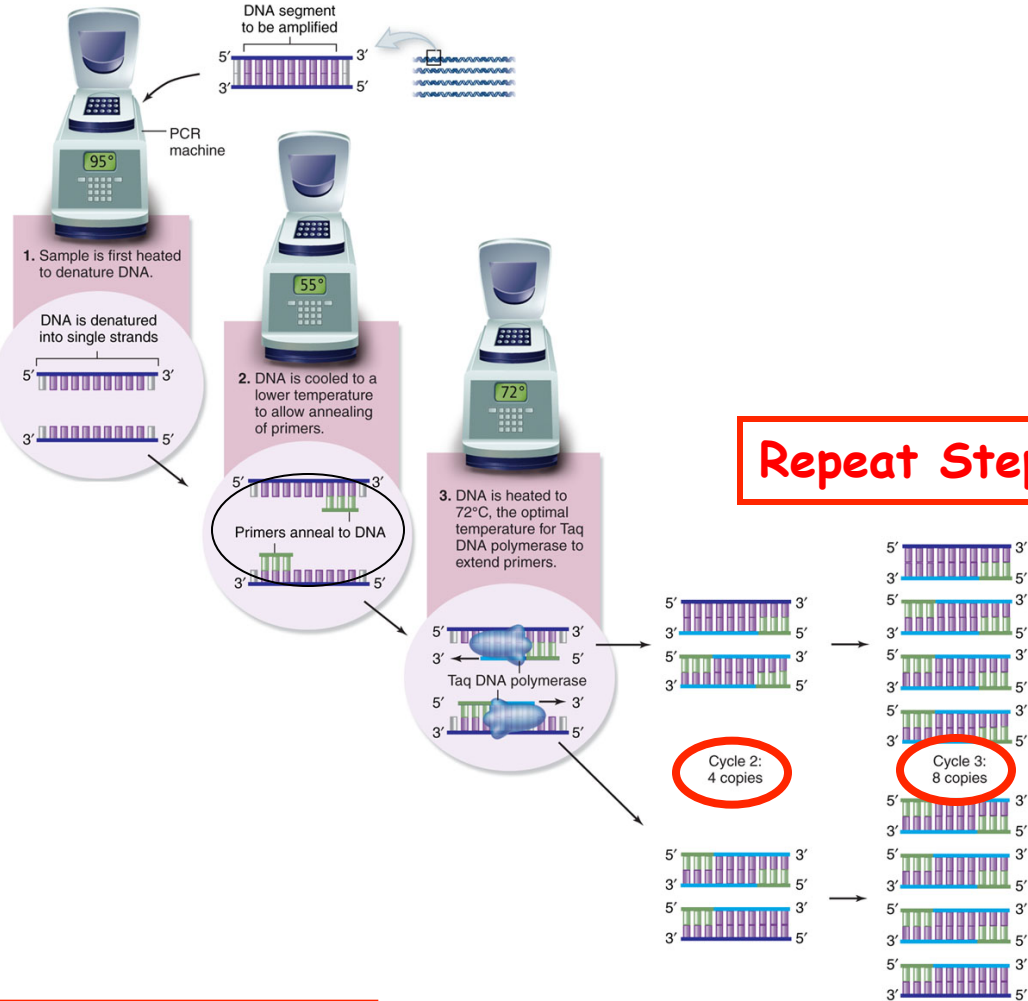
2. No Cloning Needed!

3. But Need Sequence! ⇨ Have to Clone “Gene” First

# PCR is A Cyclical Process of DNA Replication

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- 1. **Requires**
- 2. **Template**
- 3. **Primers**
- 4. **Knowledge of Specific Sequence**
- 5. **Nucleotides**
- 6. **Heat-Stable DNA Polymerase**
- 7. **Cycler**



**Repeat Steps or Cycle**

**2<sup>n</sup> Molecules of DNA where n = Number of Cycles**

**Diagnostic For Amplified DNA Sequence (Between Primers)**

**DNA Fragments All The Same Size Primer-Sequence-Primer**

# Using Gel Electrophoresis to Visualize PCR Products



Specific Diagnostic  
DNA Band Unique to  
DNA Sequence Being  
Amplified

- Target-Specific Band
- Diagnostic For Specific DNA Sequence
- Band Size Unique For Specific Sequence
- Primers "Surround" the Target Sequence

Can Amplify One DNA Sequence From  
An Entire Genome!!!

# Requirements For PCR

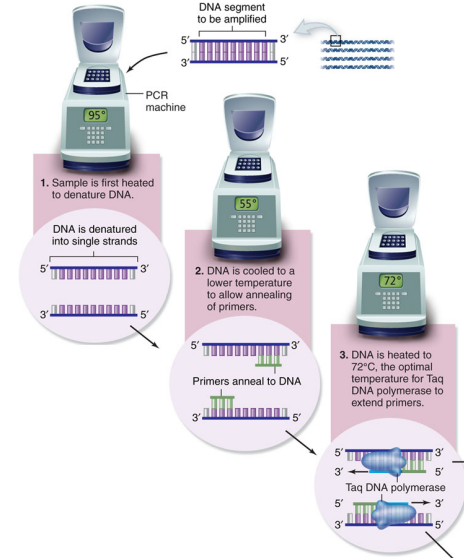
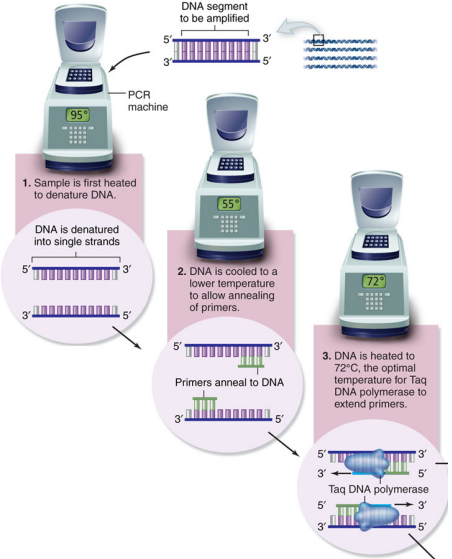
1. Knowledge of a Specific Sequence to Amplify (e.g., insulin gene)
  - a) Must Have First Cloned & Sequenced DNA of Interest the “Old-fashioned Way”
2. Primers That Recognize Specific DNA Sequences & Initiate DNA Synthesis & DNA Polymerase Binding To Template
3. Template (e.g., DNA From Human Cheek Cell)
4. Heat-Stable DNA Polymerase
5. Nucleotides
6. Thermoprogrammer/Cycler To Heat & Cool DNA in Cycles- Separating DNA Strands, Allowing Primers To Bind Complementary Sequences (Anneal), & Permitting New dsDNA Molecules to Form

It's All in the DNA Sequences -- Know Sequence & Can Synthesize an Infinite Amount of Specific DNA Sequences. It now Takes One Hour To Do What Used to Take YEARS!

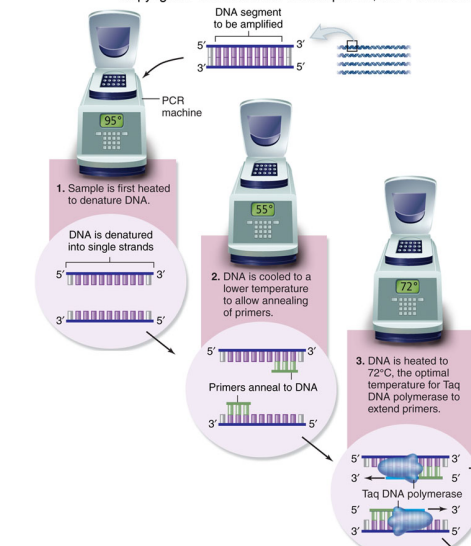
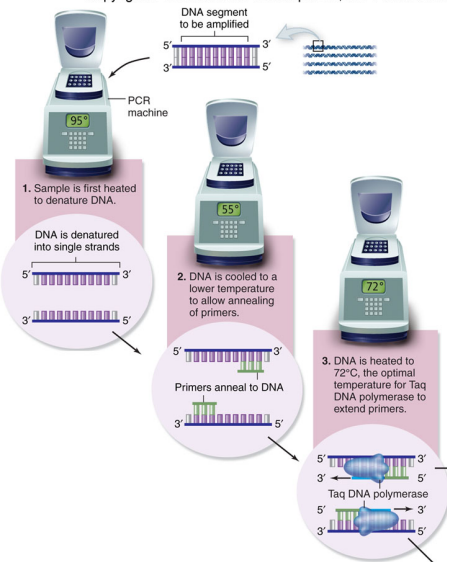


PCR Has Made DNA Cloning and Recombinant DNA  
Technology Obsolete?

- a. Yes
- b. No



# Examples of PCR Applications

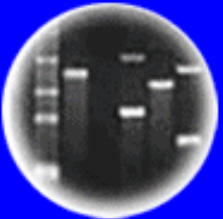




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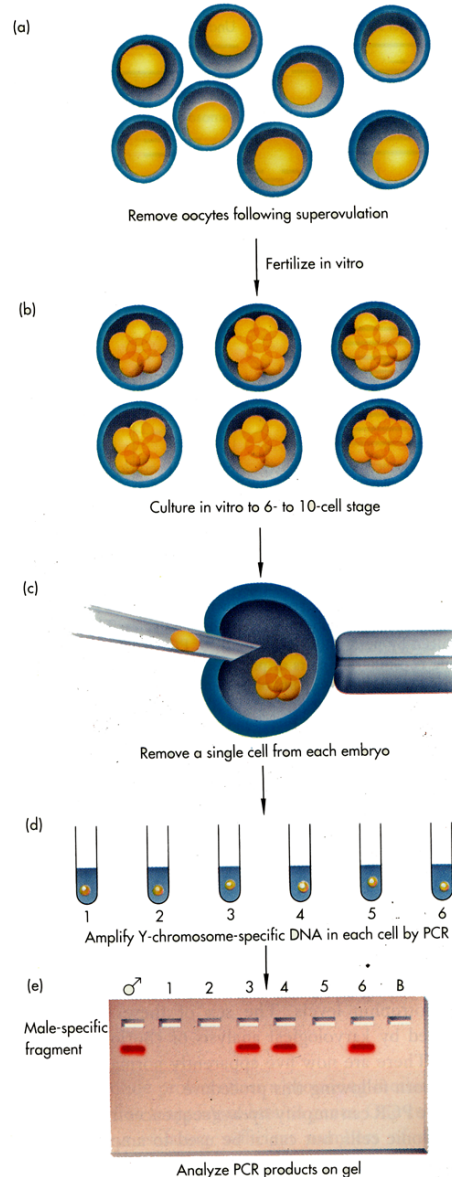
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# PCR Can Be Used To Analyze Gene in A Single Embryo Cell

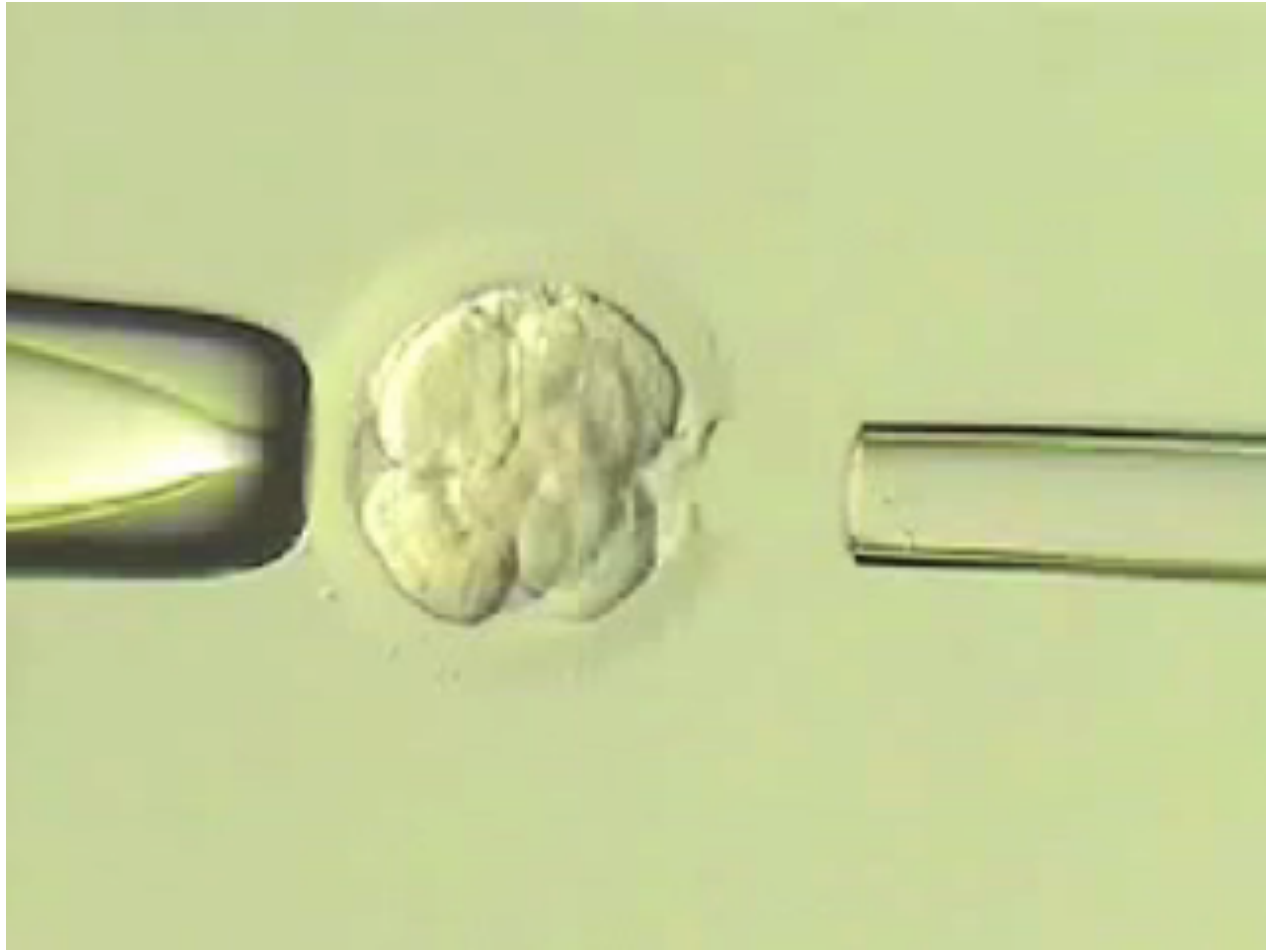
## PGD Pre- Implantation Genetic Diagnosis



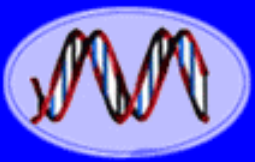
**What is The Implication of This Procedure Considering That The Human Genome Has Been Sequenced?**

**Sex Determination in 8-cell Embryo!**

# Determining the Genetic Identity of a Human Embryo Before Implantation!



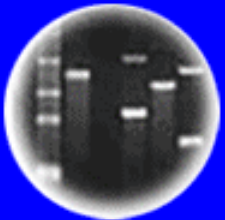
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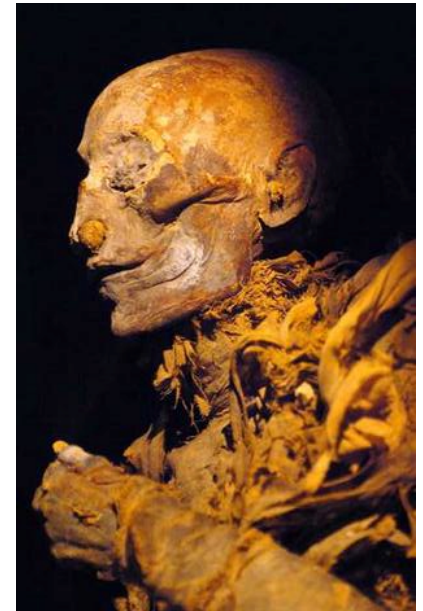
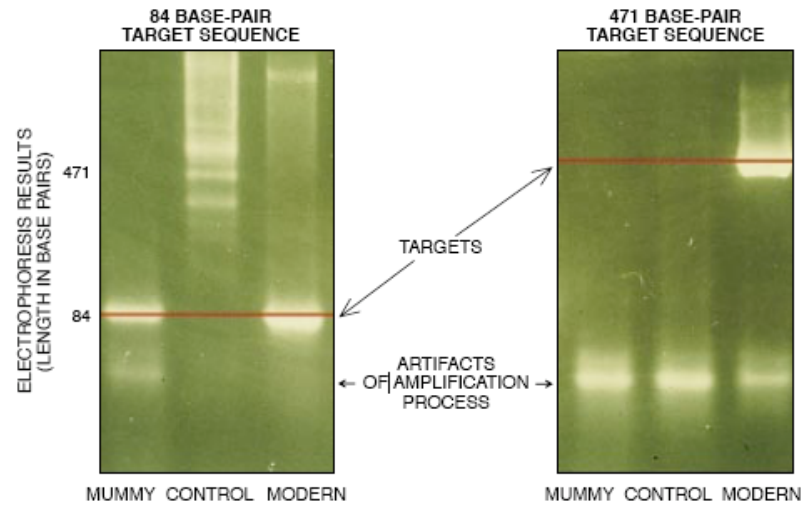
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Parents Should Be Allowed To Use PGD To Test Their Embryos For Gender and Select the Sex of Their Child?

- a. Yes
- b. No



# Using PCR To Detect Genes in Mummy DNA



Sequence to Determine Relationships

# Using PCR to Amplify Mammoth DNA From Fossilized Hair & Sequence The Entire Genome!

Nature, November 2008

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## Sequencing the nuclear genome of the extinct woolly mammoth

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# Using PCR to Amplify Neanderthal Bone DNA & Sequence The Entire Genome!

## Analysis of one million base pairs of Neanderthal DNA

From a 45,000 Year-Old Bone

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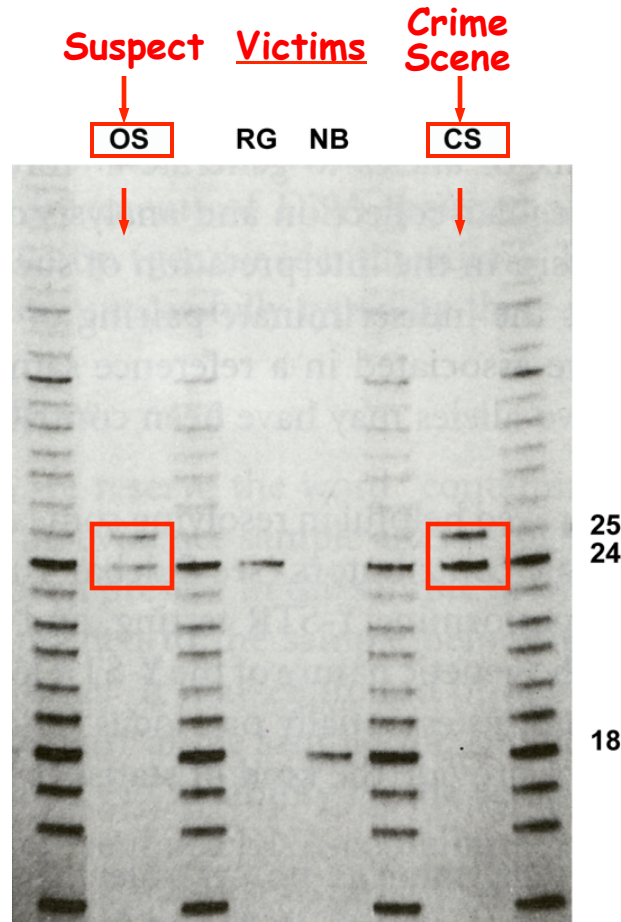
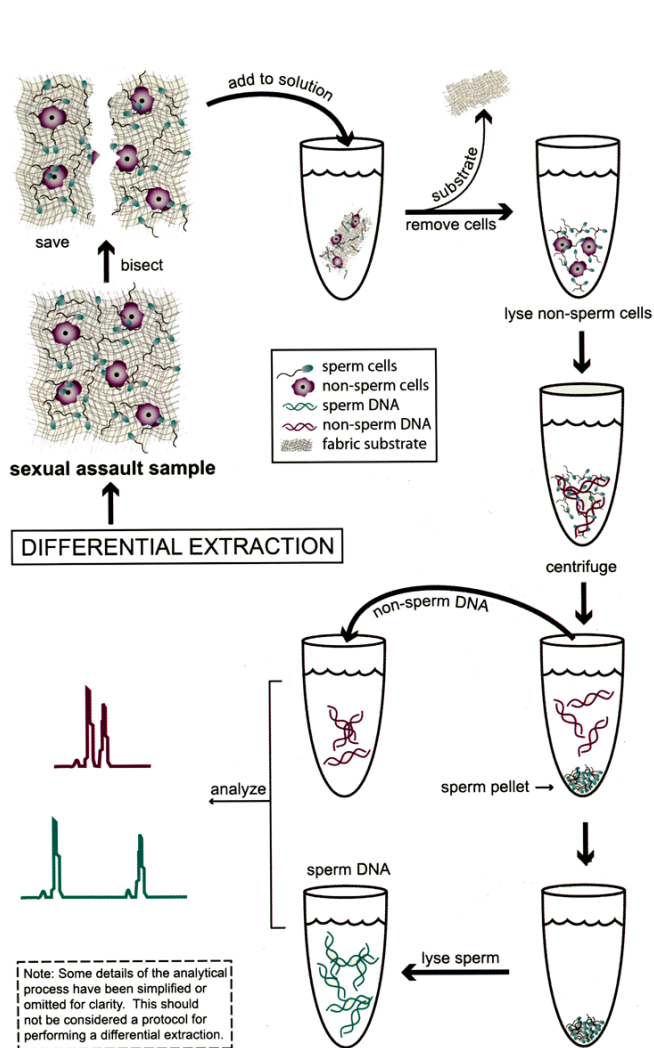


Nature, November, 2006





# Using PCR in Crime Scenes



OS = Suspect  
CS = Crime Scene  
RG & NB = Victims

“Match”  
What is Probability  
That This  
Will Occur  
by Chance?

**DNA Doesn't "Lie" !!**

# Identifying Victims of 9/11 Using PCR and DNA Fingertinting

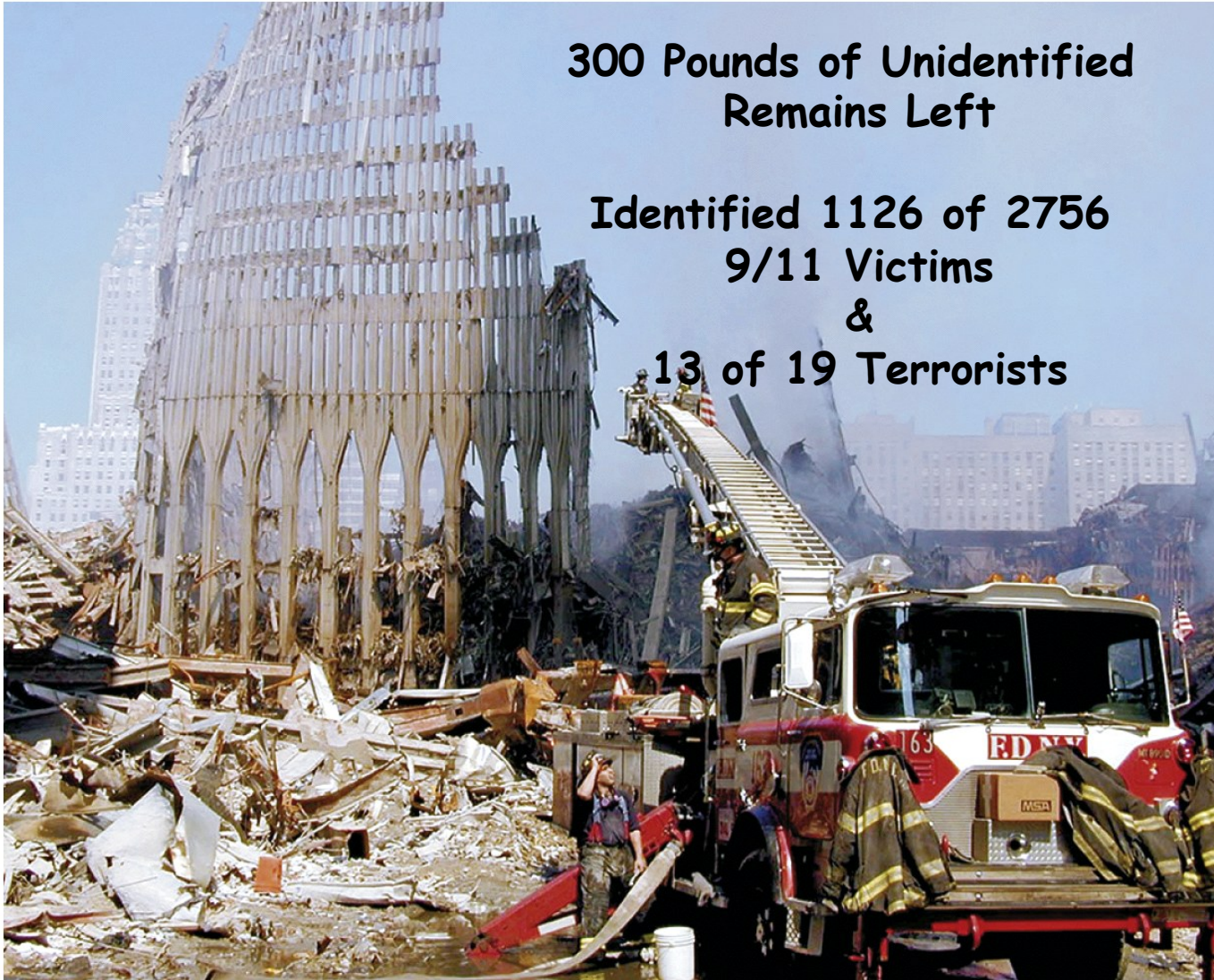
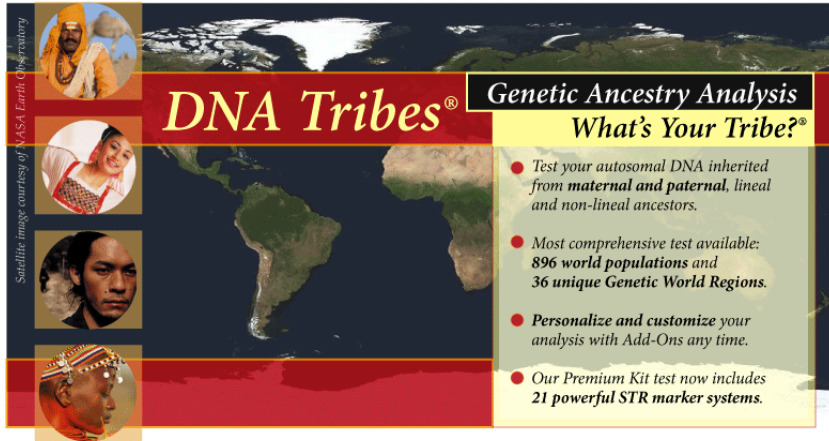


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# Using PCR To Determine an Individual's Ancestry



**DNA Tribes®** Genetic Ancestry Analysis  
What's Your Tribe?®

- Test your autosomal DNA inherited from **maternal and paternal**, lineal and non-lineal ancestors.
- Most comprehensive test available: **896 world populations** and **36 unique Genetic World Regions**.
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**Discover Your Past!**

- ✓ Determine if two people are related
- ✓ Determine if two people descend from the same ancestor
- ✓ Find out if you are related to others with the same surname
- ✓ Prove or disprove your family tree research
- ✓ Provide clues about your ethnic origin

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## PCR Started a New Industry



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Find out about your ancestry...

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DNA can reveal ancestors' lies and secrets  
LA Times, January 18, 2009

# Using PCR to Verify Remains of Russian Royal Family

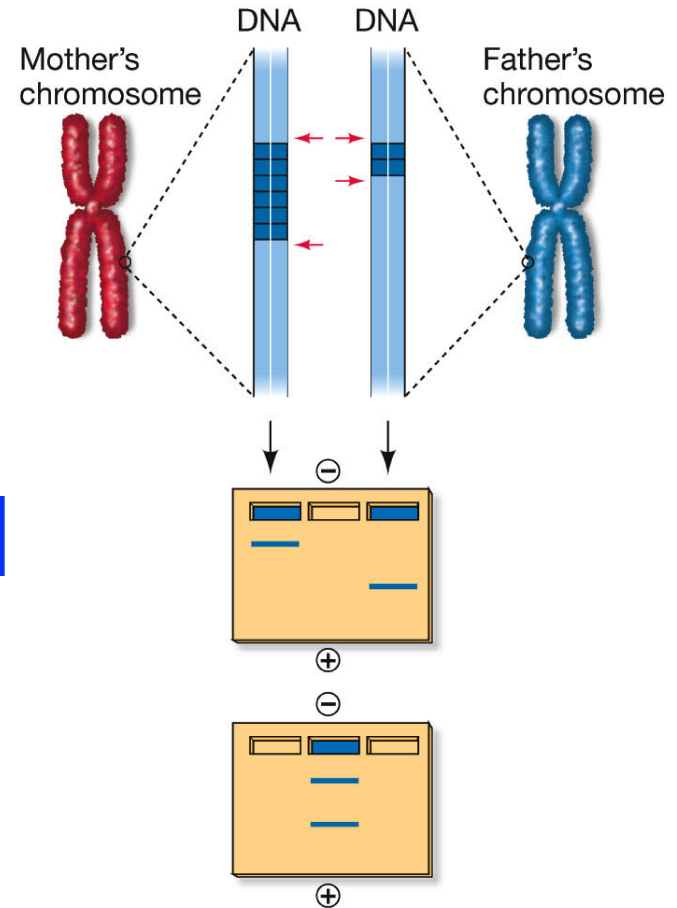


	Number of repeats		
STR-1	15,16	15,16	
STR-2	8,8	7,10	
STR-3	3,5	7,7	
STR-4	12,13	12,12	
STR-5	32,36	11,32	

Tsarina Alexandra Tsar Nicholas II

STR-1	15,16	15,16	15,16
STR-2	8,10	7,8	8,10
STR-3	5,7	5,7	3,7
STR-4	12,13	12,13	12,13
STR-5	11,32	11,36	32,36

**VNTRs!**



## Genomic identification in the historical case of the Nicholas II royal family **PNAS, March, 2009**

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Communicated by James D. Watson, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, November 14, 2008 (received for review October 8, 2008)

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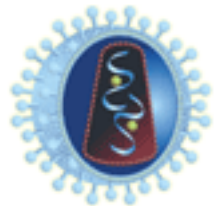
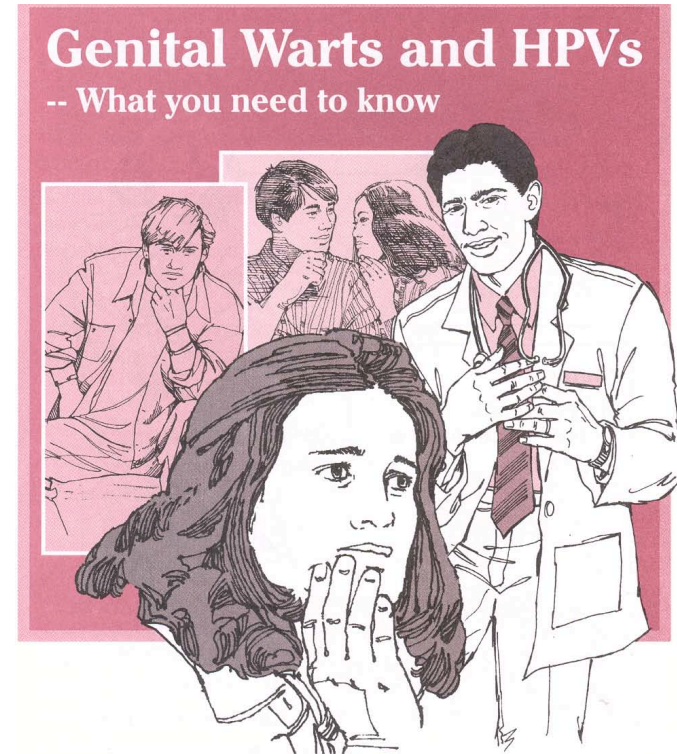
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# Using PCR To Detect Human Pathogens (Viruses, Fungi, Bacteria)



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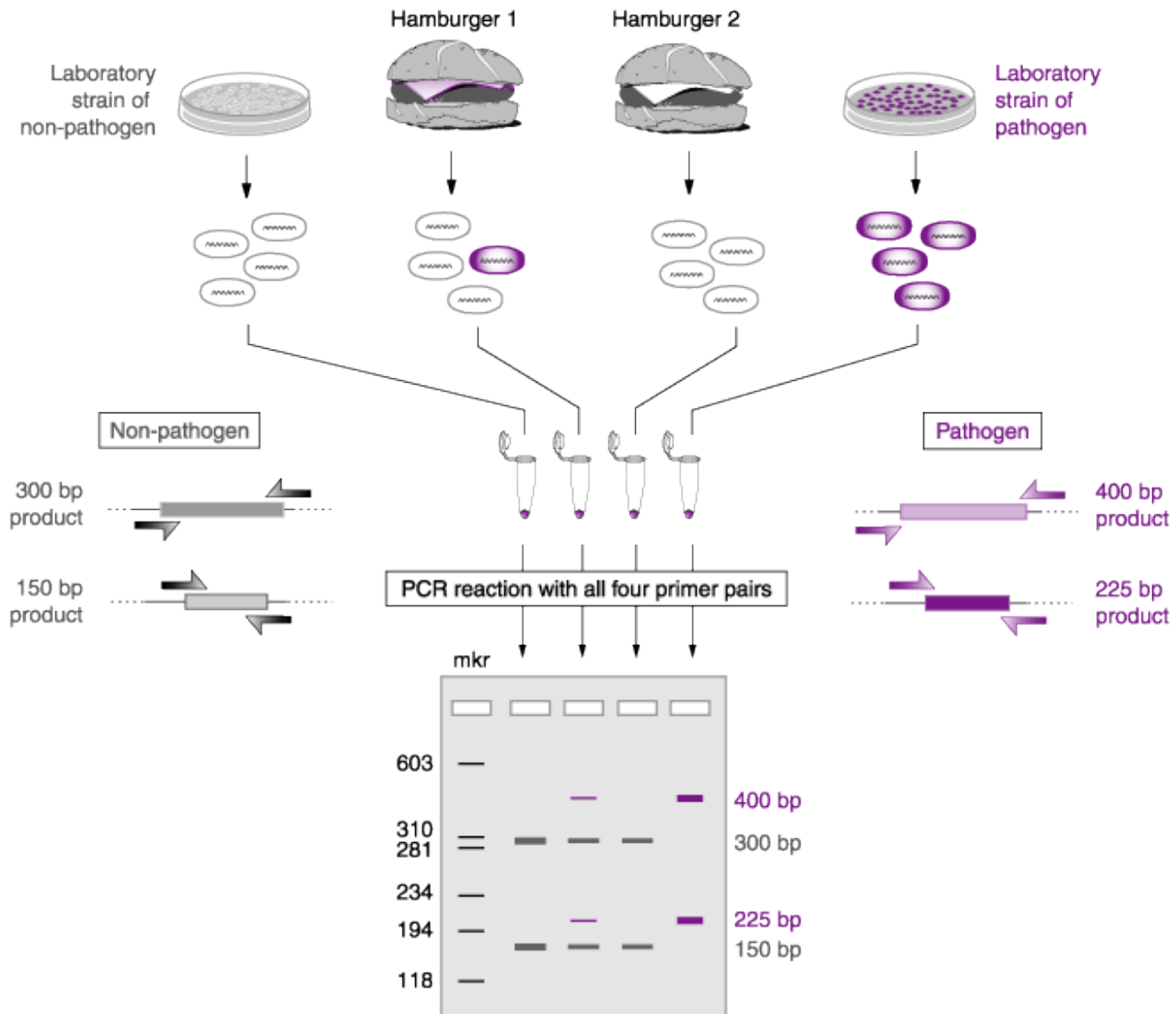
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**Each Genome Has Specific DNA Sequences That Can Be Used For Screening  
And Diagnosis Using PCR**



# Using PCR To Detect Food Pathogens



# PCR Has Many Uses, Has Changed Many Fields, and Lead To New Ones That Have Had a Big Impact On Our Lives

1. Amplify Any DNA Sequence, or Gene, From “Tiny” Amounts of DNA or Biological Materials IF ORIGINAL SEQUENCE KNOWN
2. Study DNA From Limited and/or Degraded Sources Such As:
  1. A Single Human Hair or Cheek Cell
  2. An Ancient Fossil (e.g., Neanderthal Bone or Mammoth Hair)
  3. An Ancient Insect Trapped in Amber
  4. Human Remains (e.g., 9/11 Victims)
  5. A Single Human Embryo Cell
  6. Contaminated Meat To Determine the Causal Organism
3. Used In:
  1. DNA Fingerprinting-Individual Identification-Genetic Disease Screening
  2. Forensics (Crime Scenes, Mass Graves, Criminal Suspects, Wrongfully Convicted)
  3. Paternity & Family Relationships (e.g., Immigration, Tracing Lost Children)
  4. Disease Diagnosis & Pathogen Identification (Humans, Animals, & Plants)
  5. Human Origins & Migrations
  6. Ancient Genome Sequences & Evolutionary Studies
  7. Specific mRNA Detection
  8. “Cloning” Specific DNA Sequences
  9. Tracing Plant & Animal Sources (e.g., Poaching Stolen Cattle, Cactus)
4. Need as Little as One Molecule of DNA & Can Replicate an  $\infty$  Amount of Specific Sequences

Revolutionized How To Study & Manipulate DNA



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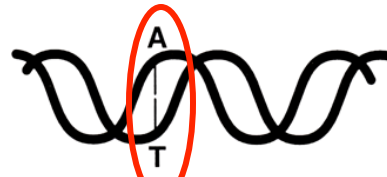
Kerry Mullis and PCR  
Nightline March, 1994

# DNA Replication is Precise But Mistakes or Mutations Can Occur!

	DNA	RNA	
pair	A	A	} pair
	T	U	
pair	G	G	} pair
	C	C	

BASE PAIR RULES

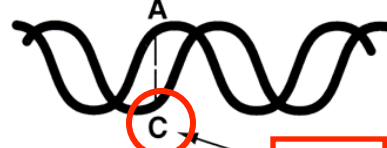
Gene A



ORIGINAL BASE PAIR

Rare Base Mismatch

Replication ①



MUTATION DURING REPLICATION

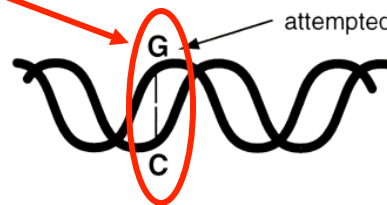
New Base Pair

mutation

C mispairs with A

Replication ②

Gene A'  
Allelic Variant



attempted repair

RESULTING DEFECT

See Mutation As Change in Phenotype

Change DNA Sequence From A = T to G = C

∴ Change Protein Amino Acid Sequence ⇨ Alter Function!



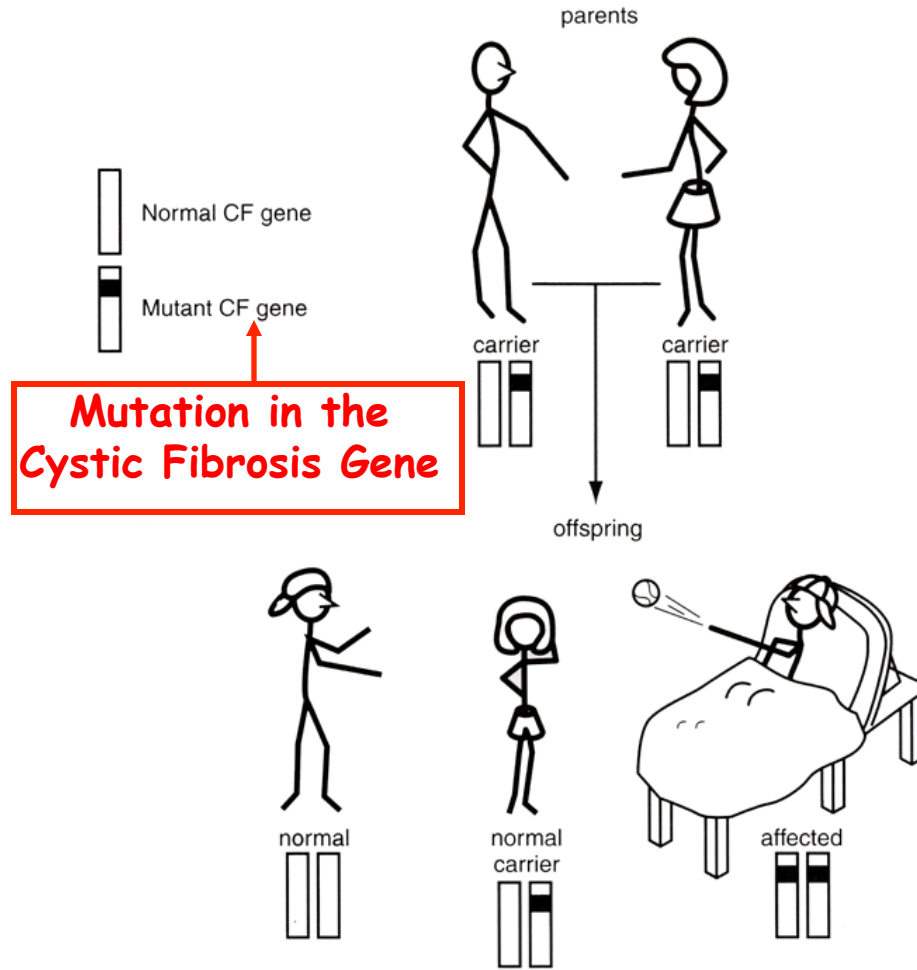
Big Tomato to Small Tomato

# Mutation in Genes Are Rare But Are Inherited

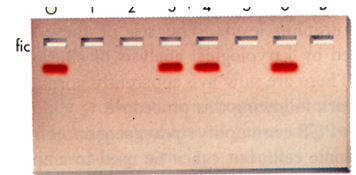
**One Gene Per Gamete**

♀ + ♂

**Two Genes per Somatic Cells**



**How Follow Inheritance?  
What Allows Disease To Be Followed?**

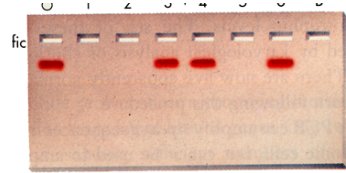
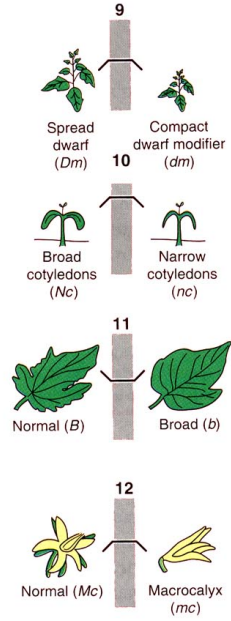
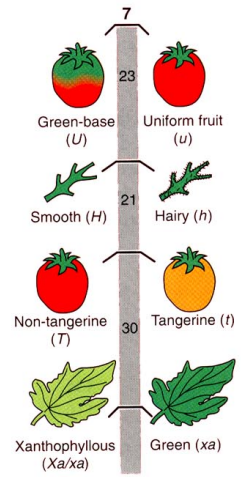
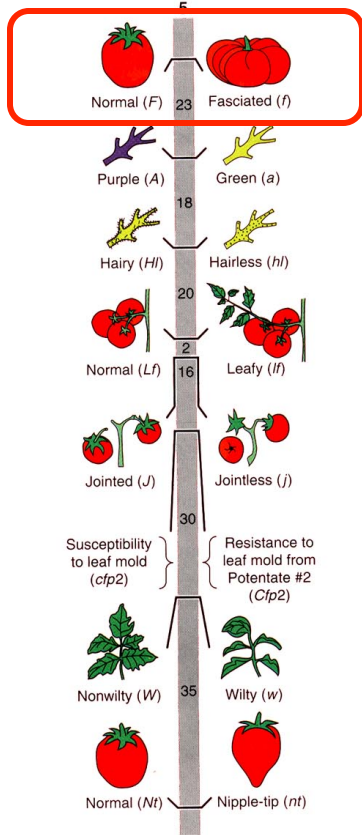


Analyze PCR products on gel

**DNA Marker or Fingerprint!**

# Alternative Forms of the Same Gene Lead to Genetic Diversity

*Alleles*



Analyze PCR products on gel

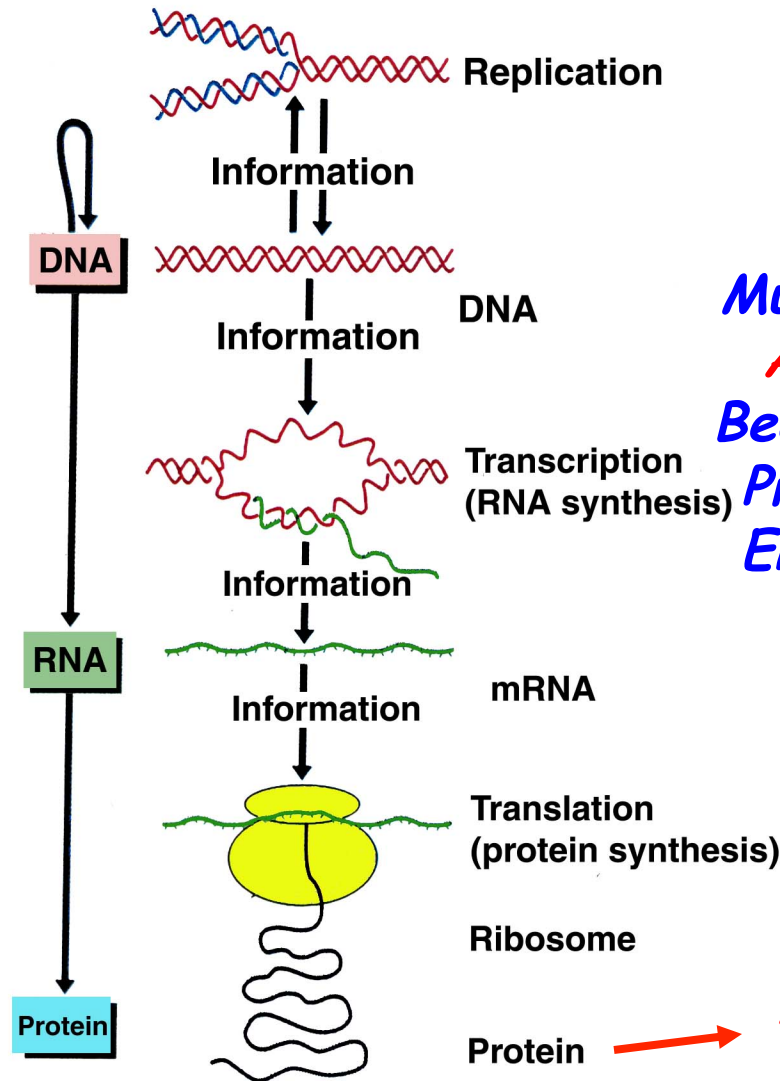
Can Follow These Traits With DNA Markers As Well

*mutations result in genetic diversity!!!*

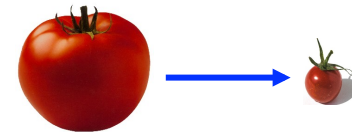
*Spontaneous Mutations Give Rise To Alleles, or Different Forms of the Same Gene, And result in Small DNA Sequence Changes (e.g., SNPs or Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms)*

# Translating The Genetic Code Into Proteins is a Conserved Process

*Mutations Are Inherited Because Altered Gene Replicates*



*Mutations Lead To Altered Protein Because mRNA and Protein Sequence Encoded By Gene Changes*



*Mutations Lead to Altered Traits/Phenotype Because Protein Structure Changed*





# Human Genetic Disorders Occur As a Result of Mutations

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TABLE 13.2		Some Important Genetic Disorders		
Disorder	Symptom	Defect	Dominant/ Recessive	Frequency Among Human Births
Hemophilia	Blood fails to clot	Defective blood-clotting factor VIII	X-linked recessive	1/10,000 (Caucasian males)
Huntington disease	Brain tissue gradually deteriorates in middle age	Production of an inhibitor of brain cell metabolism	Dominant	1/24,000
Muscular dystrophy (Duchenne)	Muscles waste away	Degradation of myelin coating of nerves stimulating muscles	X-linked recessive	1/3700 (males)
Hypercholesterolemia	Excessive cholesterol levels in blood lead to heart disease	Abnormal form of cholesterol cell surface receptor	Dominant	1/500

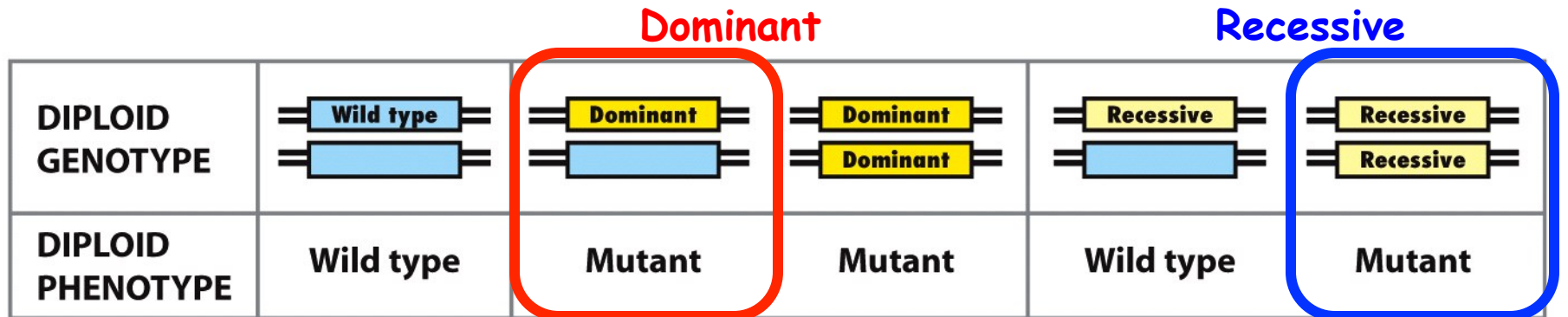
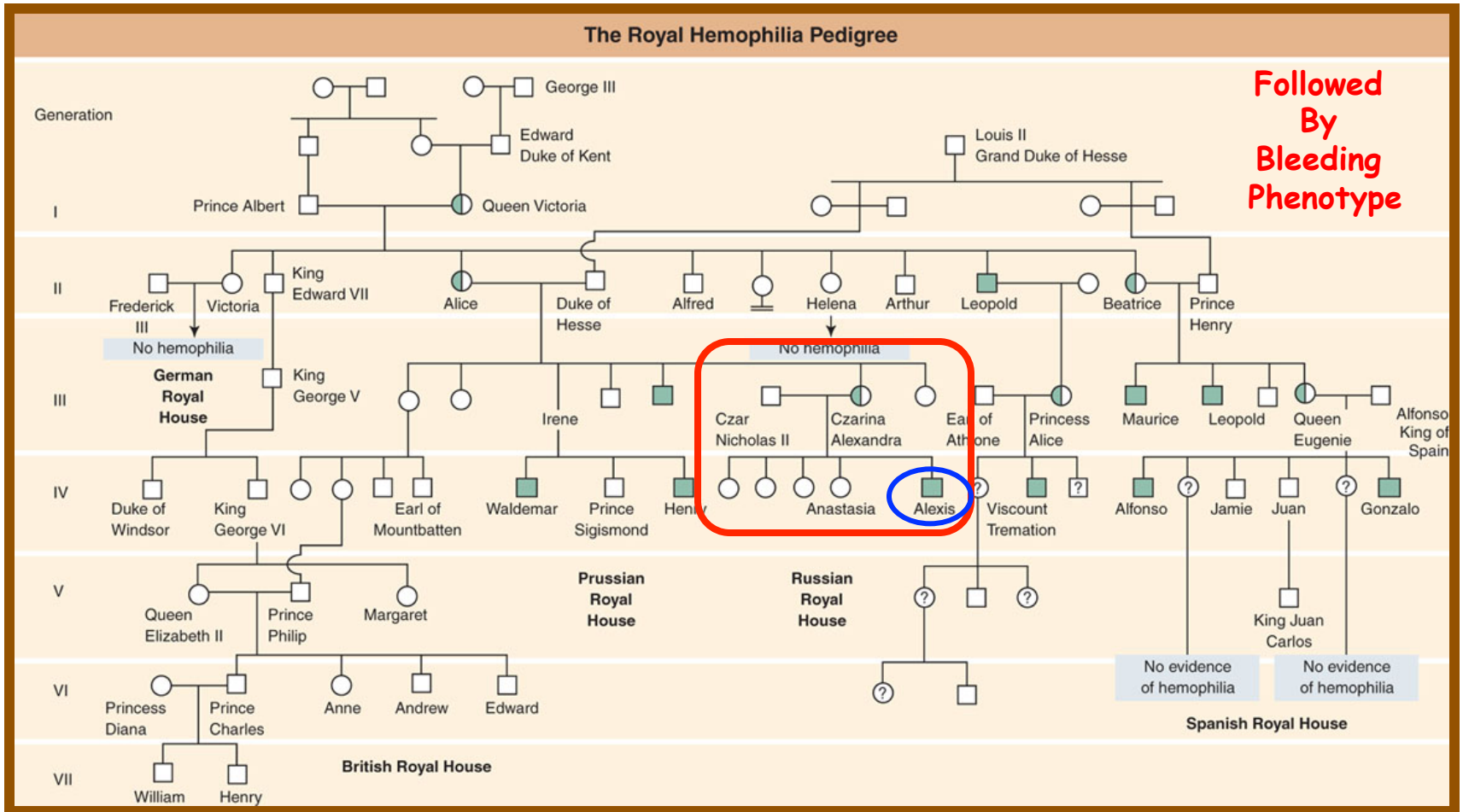


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Need One Allele

Need Two Alleles

# Pedigrees Can Be Used To Follow Disease Genes in Human Families



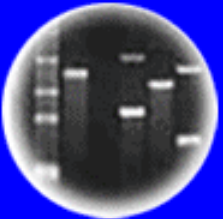
**Recessive Sex Linked**



DNA  
Genetic Code of Life



Entire Genetic Code  
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DNA Fingerprinting



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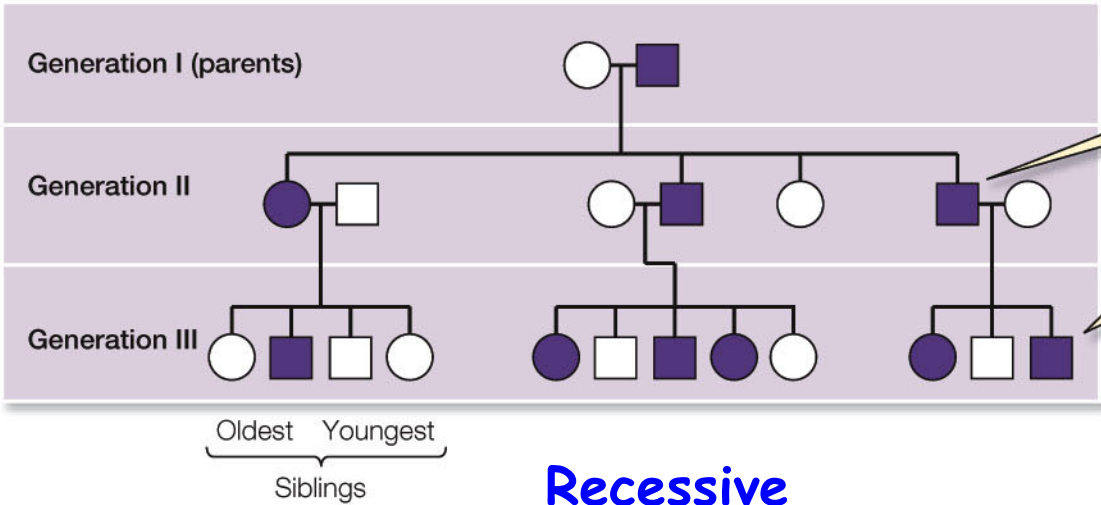
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**Pedigrees Can Be Used To Determine If  
a Trait is Dominant or Recessive**

**Each Type of Inheritance Predicts  
Specific Results in Each Generation**

# Dominant

(A) Dominant inheritance



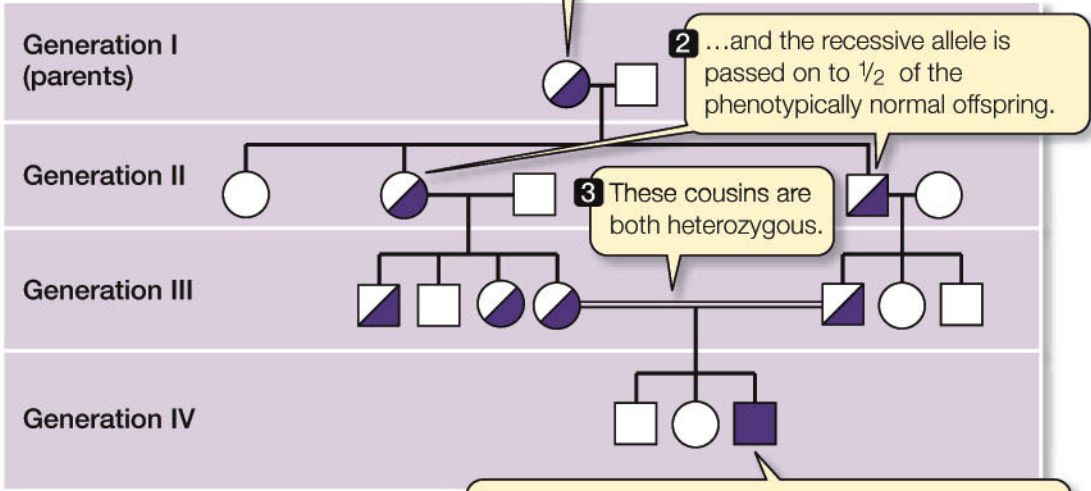
Every affected individual has an affected parent.

**Muscular Dystrophy  
Huntington Disease**

About 1/2 of the offspring (of both sexes) of an affected parent are affected.

# Recessive

(B) Recessive inheritance

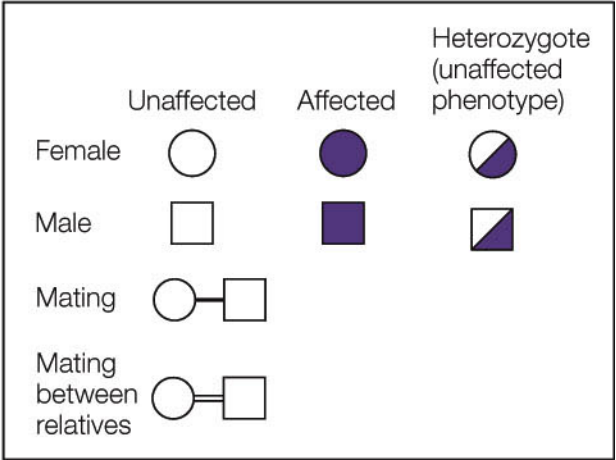


1 One parent is heterozygous...

2 ...and the recessive allele is passed on to 1/2 of the phenotypically normal offspring.

3 These cousins are both heterozygous.

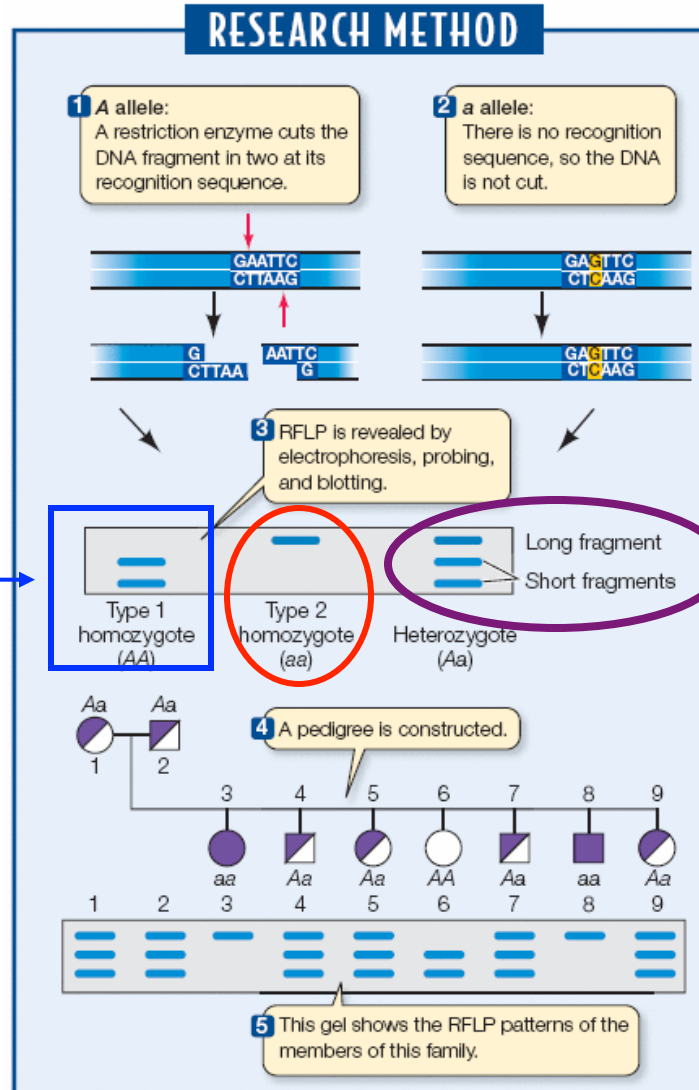
4 Mating of heterozygous recessive parents may produce homozygous recessive (affected) offspring.



**Sickle Cell Anemia  
Cystic Fibrosis  
Tay-Sachs Disease**



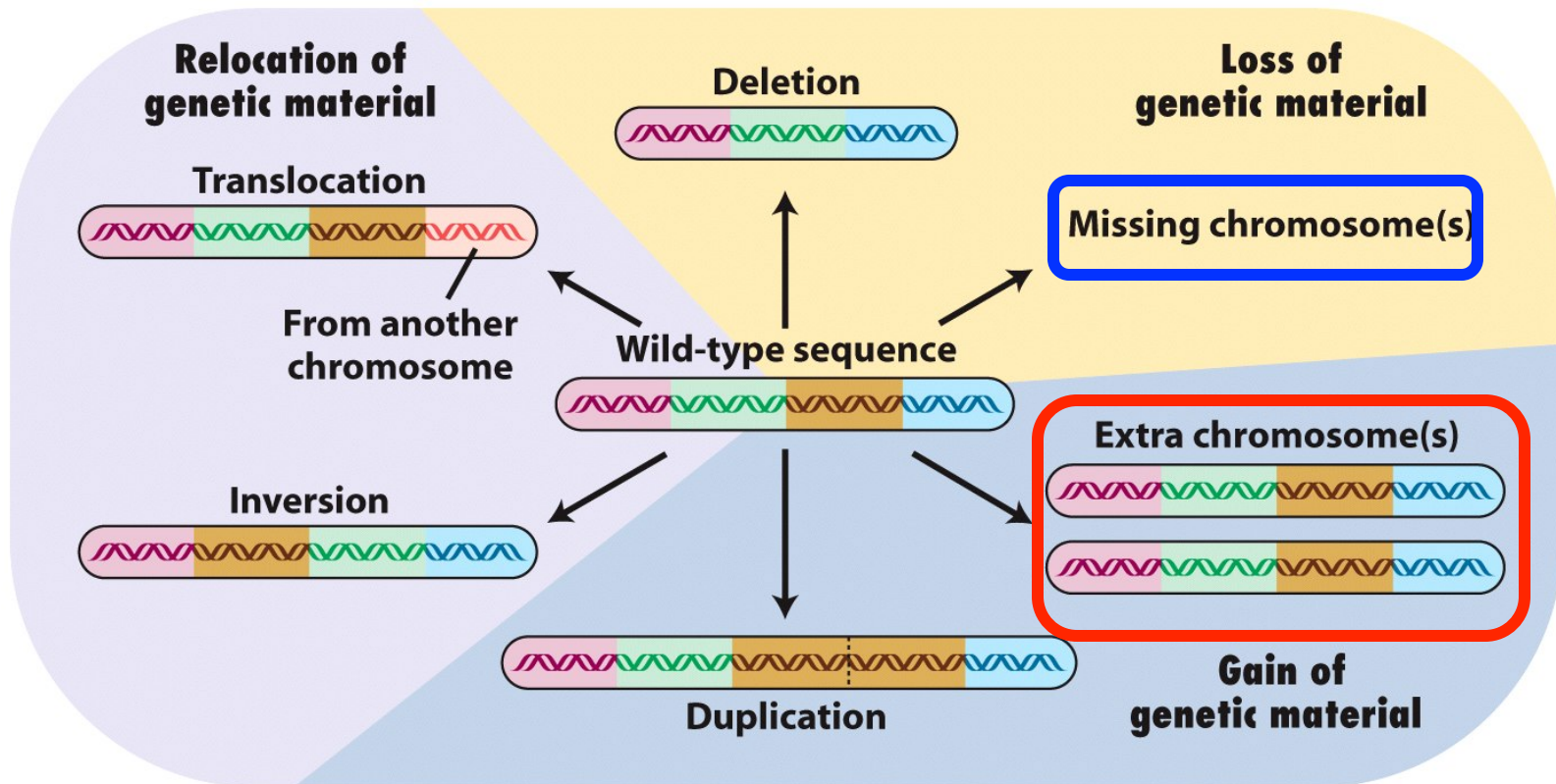
# Genetic Diseases Can Be Followed in Families Using Molecular Methods (e.g., DNA Blots or PCR)



DNA Fingerprints →

← RFLP -Restriction  
Fragment  
Length Polymorphism

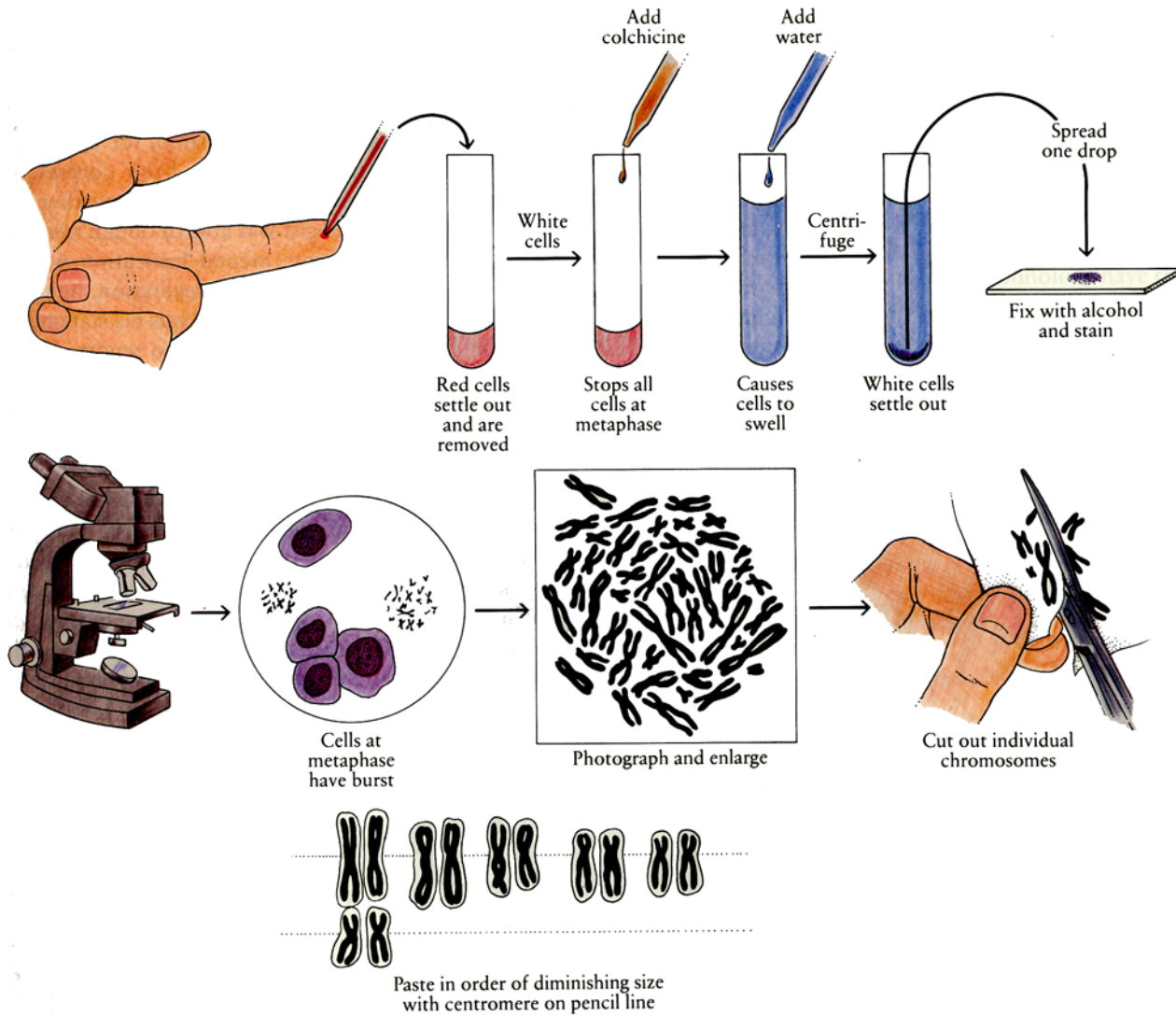
# “Mutations” Can Also Occur By Large Chromosomal Changes



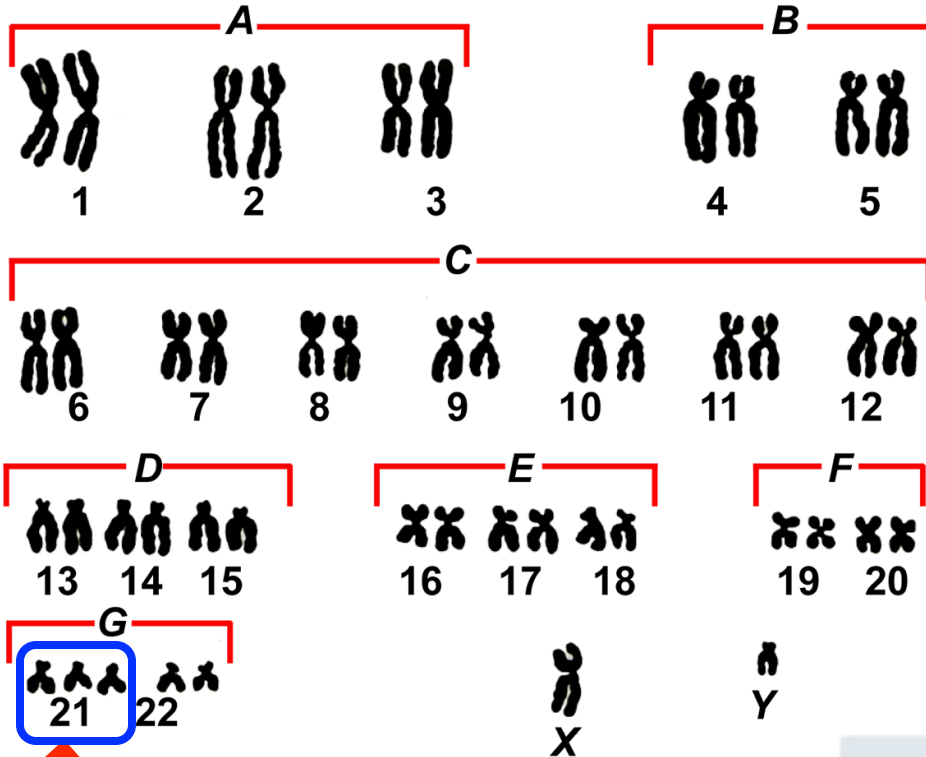
**These changes affect many genes!**

e.g. Down's Syndrome (3 Chromosome #21s)

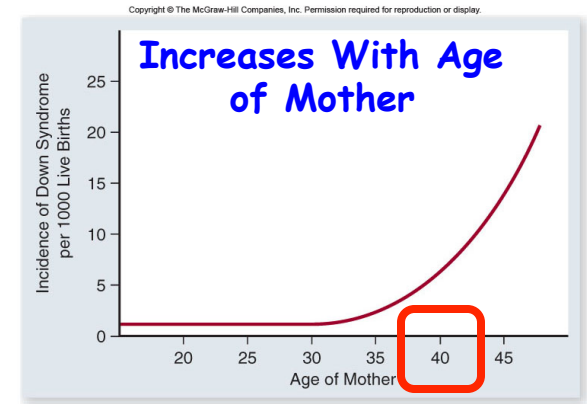
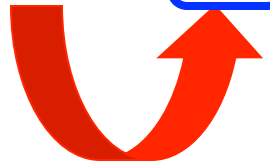
# Karyotypes Can Be Used To Detect Changes in Chromosome Structure and Number



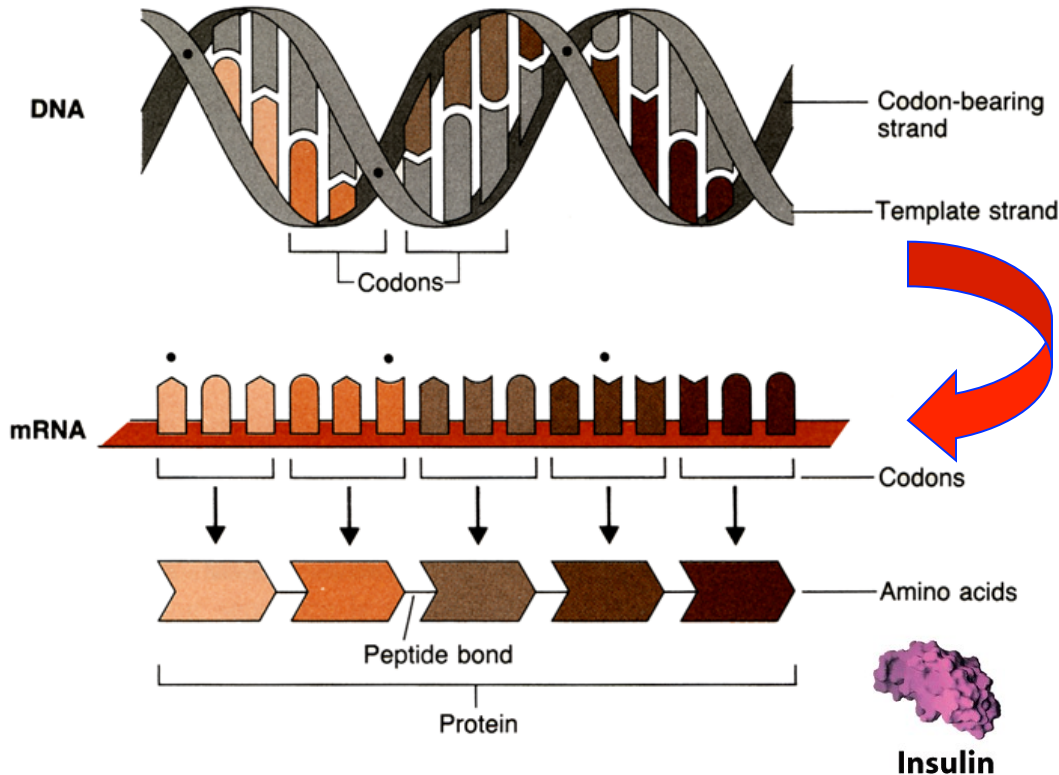
# A Down's Syndrome Karyotype



Three Chromosome  
# 21s



## ② How Does A Gene Lead To A Phenotype?



### ① mRNA Synthesized by Transcription

- Complementary to Transcribed, Non-Sense Strand
- Same Sequence As Sense Strand

### ② mRNA Translated into Protein by Translation of The Genetic Code

Genetic Code on mRNA Translated to Protein Sequence

∴ Sequence of Gene  
Sequence of mRNA  
Sequence of Protein  
*Colinearity of Sequences!*

Know Sequence  
Know Protein

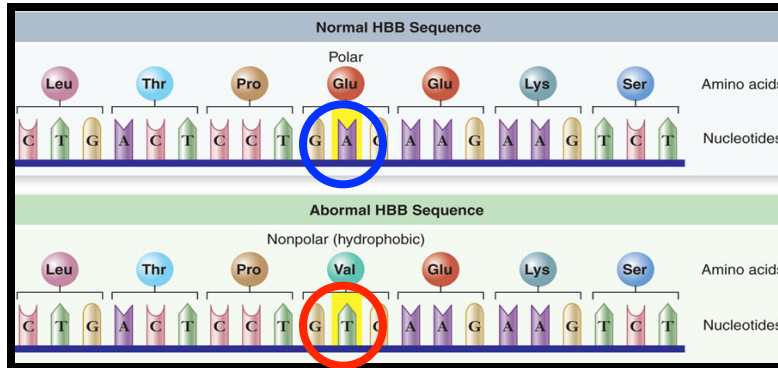
Engineer New Protein



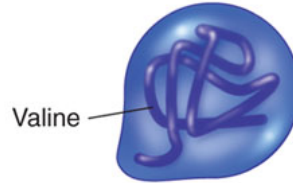
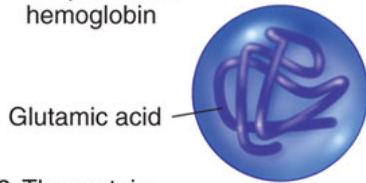
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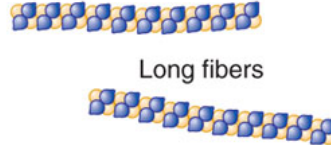
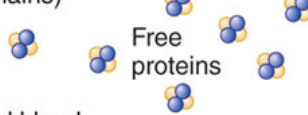
Chromosome 11



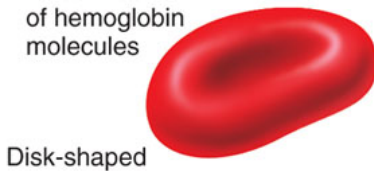
1. The polypeptide: the  $\beta$  chain of hemoglobin



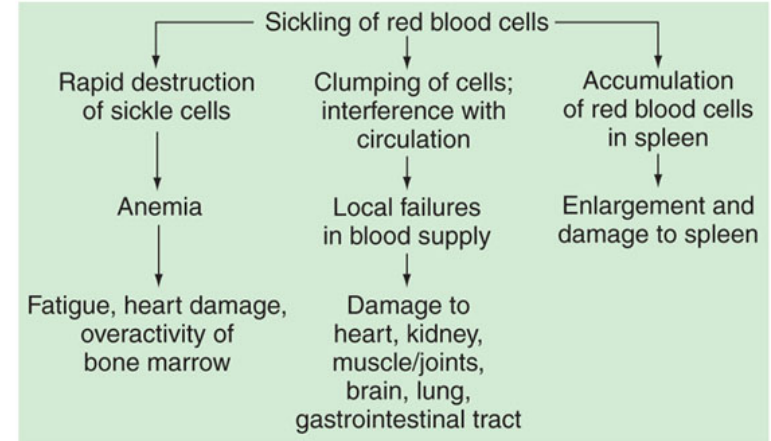
2. The protein: (made of two  $\alpha$  and two  $\beta$  chains)



3. Red blood cell making thousands of hemoglobin molecules



## (b) Sickle-cell anemia is pleiotropic



## (c) $\beta$ -chain substitutions/variants

	Amino-acid position																
	1	2	3	...	6	7	...	26	...	63	...	67	...	125	...	146	
Normal (HbA)	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	His	Val	Glu	His							
HbS	Val	His	Leu	Val	Glu	Glu	His	Val	Glu	His							
HbC	Val	His	Leu	Lys	Glu	Glu	His	Val	Glu	His							
HbG San Jose	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Gly	Glu	His	Val	Glu	His							
HbE	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Lys	His	Val	Glu	His							
HbM Saskatoon	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Val	Glu	His							
Hb Zurich	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	Arg	Val	Glu	His							
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HbD $\beta$ Punjab	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	His	Val	Gln	His							

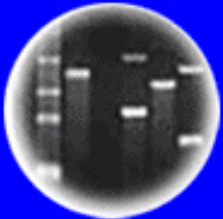
## Sickle-Cell Anemia



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Entire Genetic Code  
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DNA Fingerprinting

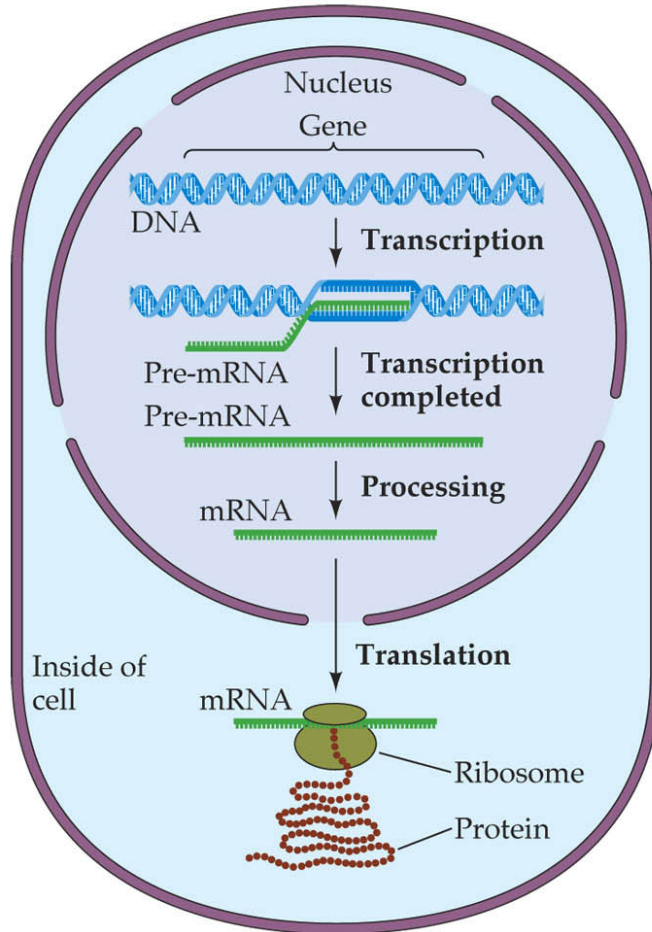


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# An Elaborate Cellular Machinery Requiring Thousands Of Genes is Required To Produce Proteins Encoded By Specific Genes!!



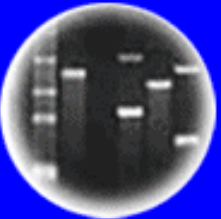
**It takes Genes  
to Express  
(and Replicate)  
A GENE!!!**



DNA  
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Entire Genetic Code  
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# Unique Proteins Have A Unique Composition & Order of Amino Acids & Have Unique Sizes, Shapes, & Functions

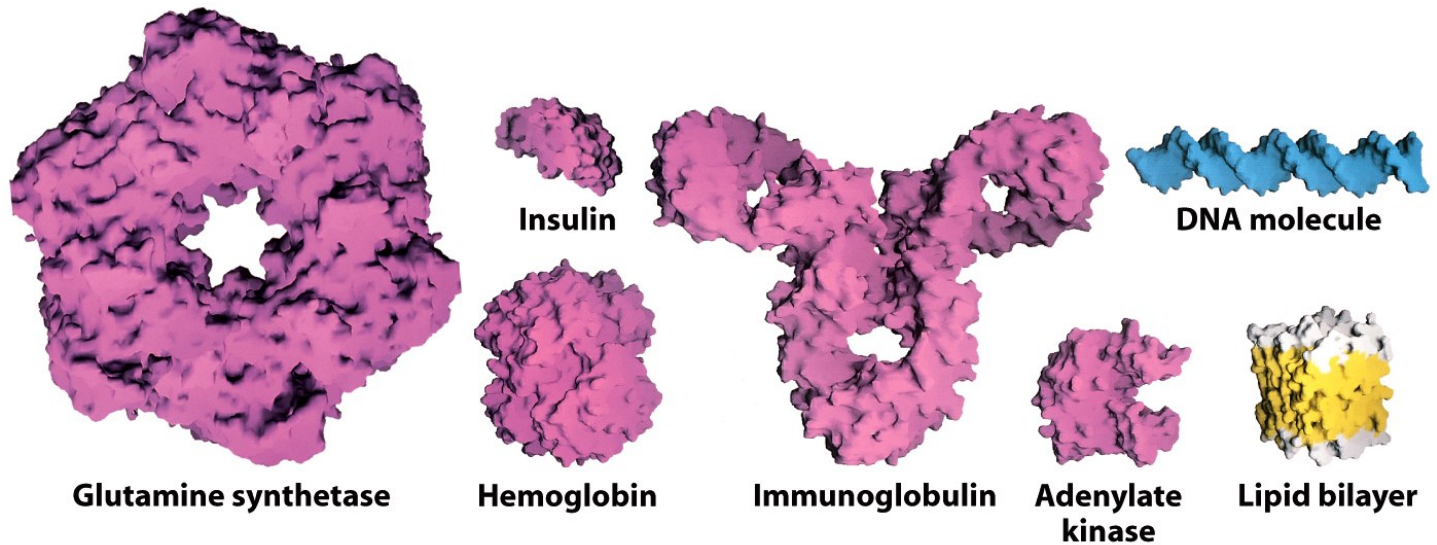
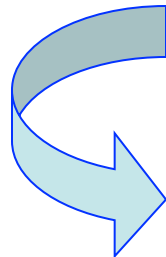
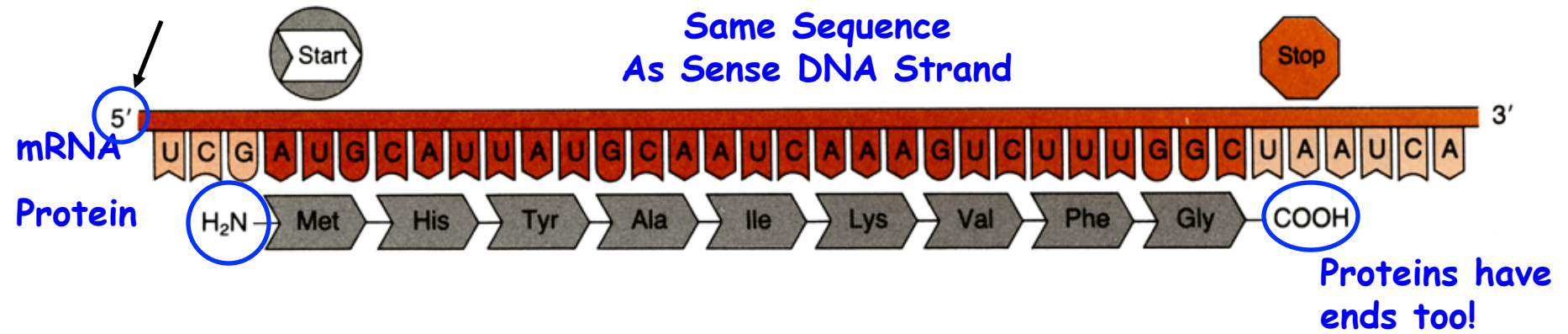


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Novel Cell Functions & Phenotypes

# Genetic Code Allows The Sequence of Nucleotides in mRNA/ sense strand of Gene to be Translated into Sequence of Amino Acids in Proteins



**Note:** Sequence in mRNA (= Sense Gene Strand) is translated 5' → 3' (= beginning of sense strand to end) & Protein made in N → C direction therefore order Nts in gene = order amino acid in protein!



# The Genetic Code is Universal!



DNA codons	Ala	Arg	Asp	Asn	Cys	Glu	Gln	Gly	His	Ile
GCA GCG GCT GCC	AGA AGG CGA CGG CGT CGC	GAT GAC	AAT AAC	TGT TGC	GAA GAG	CAA CAG	GGA GGG GGT GGC	CAT CAC	ATA ATT ATC	
TTA TTG CTA CTG CTT CTC	AAA AAG	ATG	TTT TTC	CCA CCG CCT CCC	AGT AGC TCA TCG TCT TCC	ACA ACG ACT ACC	TGG	TAT TAC	GTA GTG GTT GTC	TAA TAG TGA
Leu	Lys	Met	Phe	Pro	Ser	Thr	Trp	Tyr	Val	Stop

For RNA, The Ts are replaced by Us.

How Know?

1. Universal
2. Triplet
3. Punctuation
4. Degenerate

Know Sequence of Gene-Know Sequence of Protein  
Using Genetic Code

Big Implication For Genetic Engineering! Can Make Genes,  
Genomes & Specify Proteins Wanted! Can Express Genes  
From One Organism in Another!

Design An Experiment to Show Code is Universal!

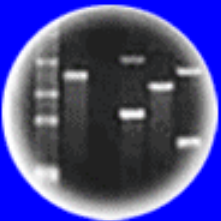




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Entire Genetic Code  
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# Expression of Jellyfish Green Fluorescence Protein (GFP) in Pigs Shows That Genetic Code is **Universal!!**

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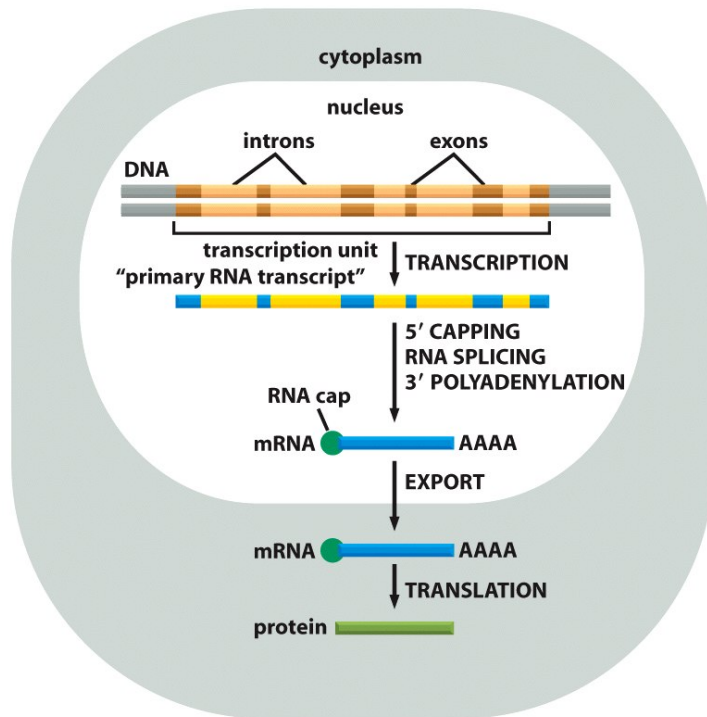


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# Eukaryotic and Prokaryotic Gene Expression Processes Differ Slightly

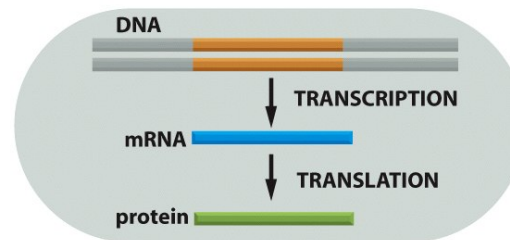
(A)

EUCARYOTES



(B)

PROCARYOTES

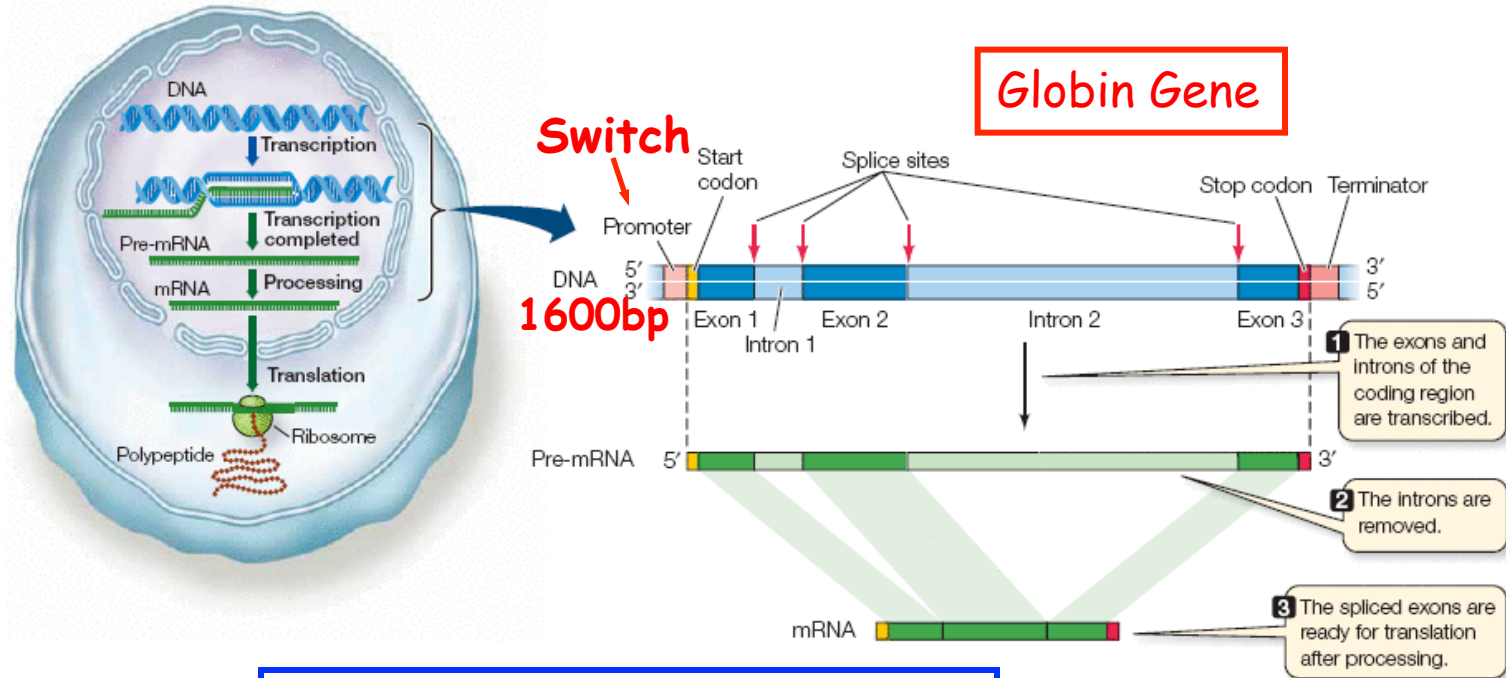


**Genes Differ**  
**Switches Differ**  
**Genetic Code the Same**  
**General Processes Same**  
**Eukaryotic Gene Have Introns & Non-Coding Region in Gene!**

**Eukaryotic Cells Must Remove Non-Coding Region of RNA Before Genetic Code Can Be Translated Continuously!**

**What Are the Implications For Genetic Engineering?**

# RNA Splicing- Removing Non-Coding Sequences From Primary Transcripts & Generating Functional mRNAs



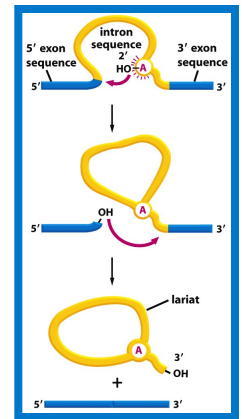
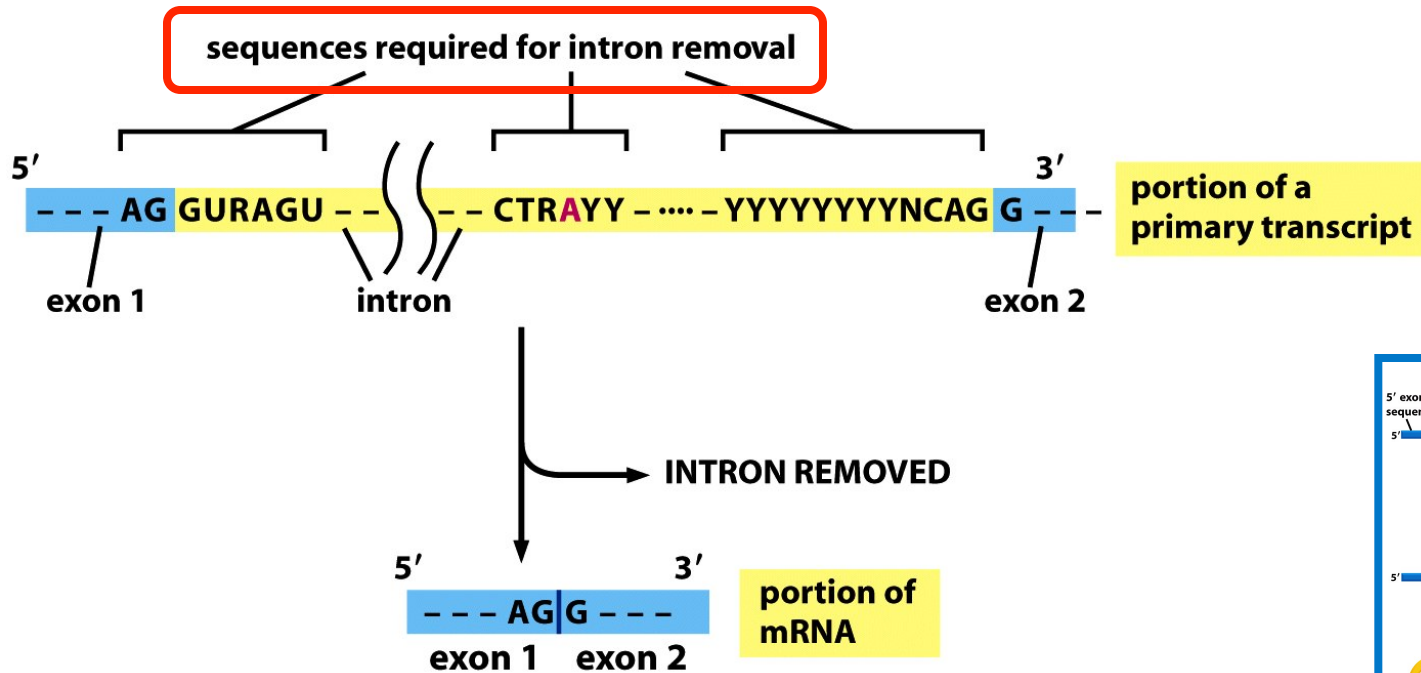
**Mutations → Blood Disorders  
Where can these occur?**

**Mutations Can Occur in Coding Region, Switch, & RNA Splice Sites**

**↳ Mutant Phenotype**

**Implications For Engineering Eukaryotic Gene in Bacterial Cell For Expression?**

# Yo! It's In The Sequences!



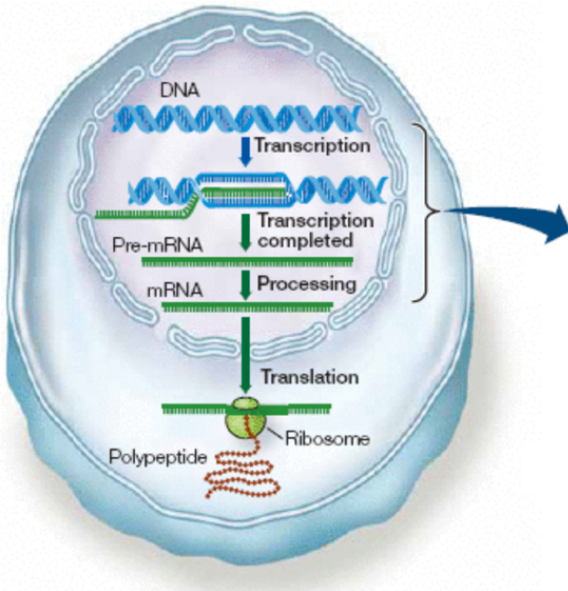
**Specific Sequences Required For RNA Splicing!**

**What Happens If These Sequences Are Mutated in a Gene?**

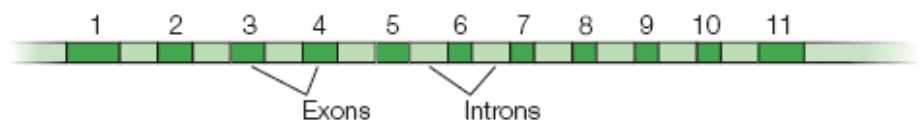


# Alternative Splicing- One Gene ↳ Several mRNAs & Proteins

## Gene Activity in Variety of Cells, But....!!!



Primary RNA transcript for tropomyosin: 11 exons



Different splicing patterns in different tissues result in a unique collection of exons in mRNA for each tissue.

- Skeletal muscle: missing exon 2
- Smooth muscle: missing exons 3 and 10
- Fibroblast: missing exons 2, 3, and 10
- Liver: missing exons 2, 3, 7, and 10
- Brain: missing exons 2, 3, 10, and 11



**5 Different mRNAs!**

**Different mRNA = Different Proteins = Different Functions!**

**Implication- Human Genome Has Only 25,000 Genes But Can Give Rise to Many More Proteins which Are Responsible For Producing the Phenotype**

**Reason Why Human Genome Can Contain Same Number of Genes as Fly and Plant Genomes!!**

**Implications for Genetic Engineering? Use Specific cDNA!**





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# Implications For “Yo - Its in The DNA!!”

## Modular Organization of Sequences

1. DNA Replication  
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2. Transcription  
**Switch/Regulator**  
**Terminator**
3. Processing of RNA (Eukaryotes)  
**Splicing Sites**
4. Translation  
**Start**  
**Stop**  
**Genetic Code/Codons**
5. Coding Sequence  
**Genetic Code**

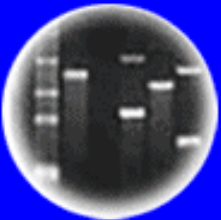
Modules → Anything You Want To Do Using  
Genetic Engineering!



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# Summary: Engineering Genes Requires:

1. The Gene & Its DNA Sequences
2. A Roadmap of Where Coding Sequence & all Switches Located (Sequence, Restriction Site Map)
3. Transcription Start And Stop Switches
4. Coding Region of Gene (genetic code part)
5. Translation Start And Stop Switches
6. Kingdom-Specific Switches/ Signals

**Note:** The General Process of Gene→Protein is the same in ALL organisms, but the Specific Switches & Enzymes (e.g., RNA Polymerase) are Kingdom Specific

Bacteria  
Transcription  
On Switch

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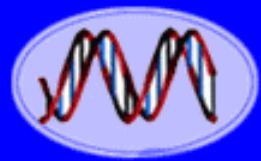
Human Insulin  
Coding  
Sequence

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Off Switch



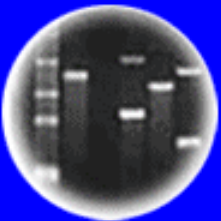
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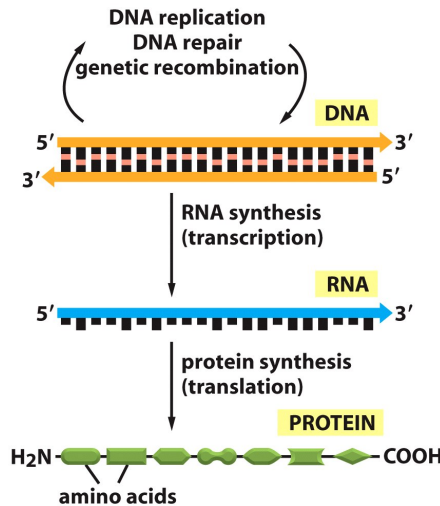


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# How Do Genes Work & What are Genes in Context of...



## Thinking About The Consequences of GMOs



1. What is a Gene?
2. What is the Anatomy of a gene?
3. How Does the Gene Replicate?
4. How Does the Gene Direct Synthesis of a Protein?
5. Does the Gene Work Independently of other Genes?
6. What is the Sequence & Structure of the Protein?
7. How does it work in cell?
8. Does the Protein Structure imply any Potential "Harm"?
9. Does the Gene Change the organism? Fitness?

**Need Science-  
Based Questions &  
Science-Based  
Solutions-NOT  
OPINIONS!**

**There's NO HOCUS POCUS  
all hypothesis are testable!!**

**"Behind" All Traits!**

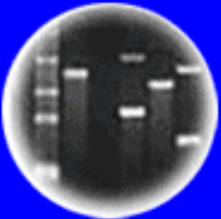
**Same Processes!**



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# Can Identical Twins Be Different?

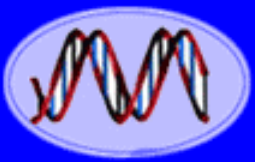


“Things Written in Pen You Cannot Change. That's DNA!  
Things Written in Pencil You Can. That's Epigenetics”

Geneticist Danielle Reed



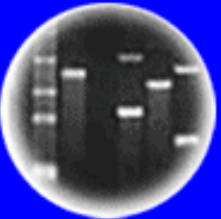
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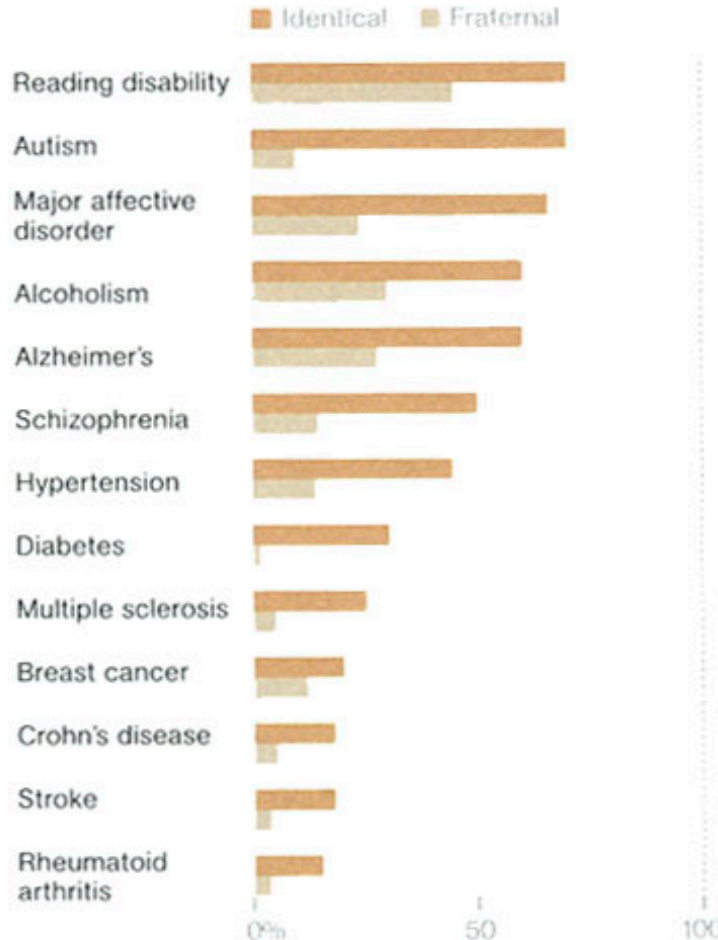
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## SHARED TRAITS

Identical twins share certain disorders, such as autism, much more often than fraternal twins do, suggesting the strong influence of heredity.

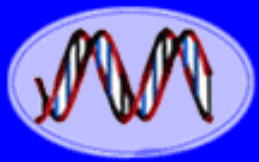


Because Genes  
Replicate  
Generation to  
Generation!

But Environment  
Can Play a Role

We Are  
Beginning to  
Learn Why!

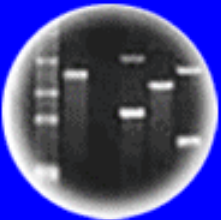




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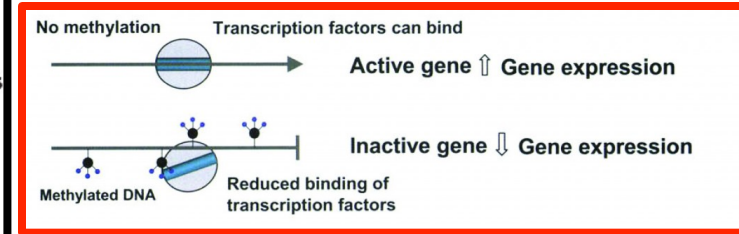
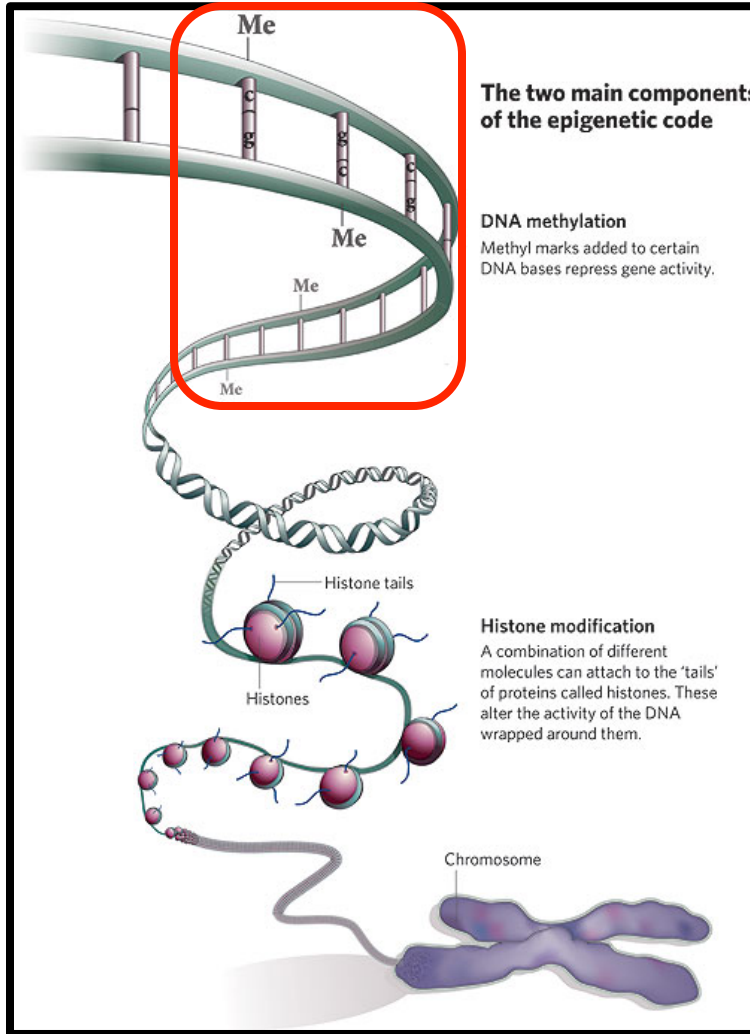


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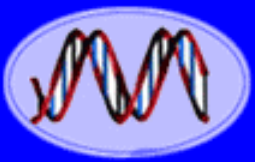
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# Epigenetic Changes, or Chemical Modifications of Switches and Genes, Can Affect Gene Activity!



**These Changes Are Re-Set Each Generation, but Environmental Factors Can Influence Modification of DNA**

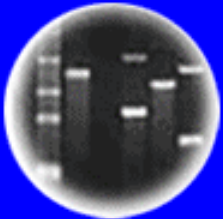
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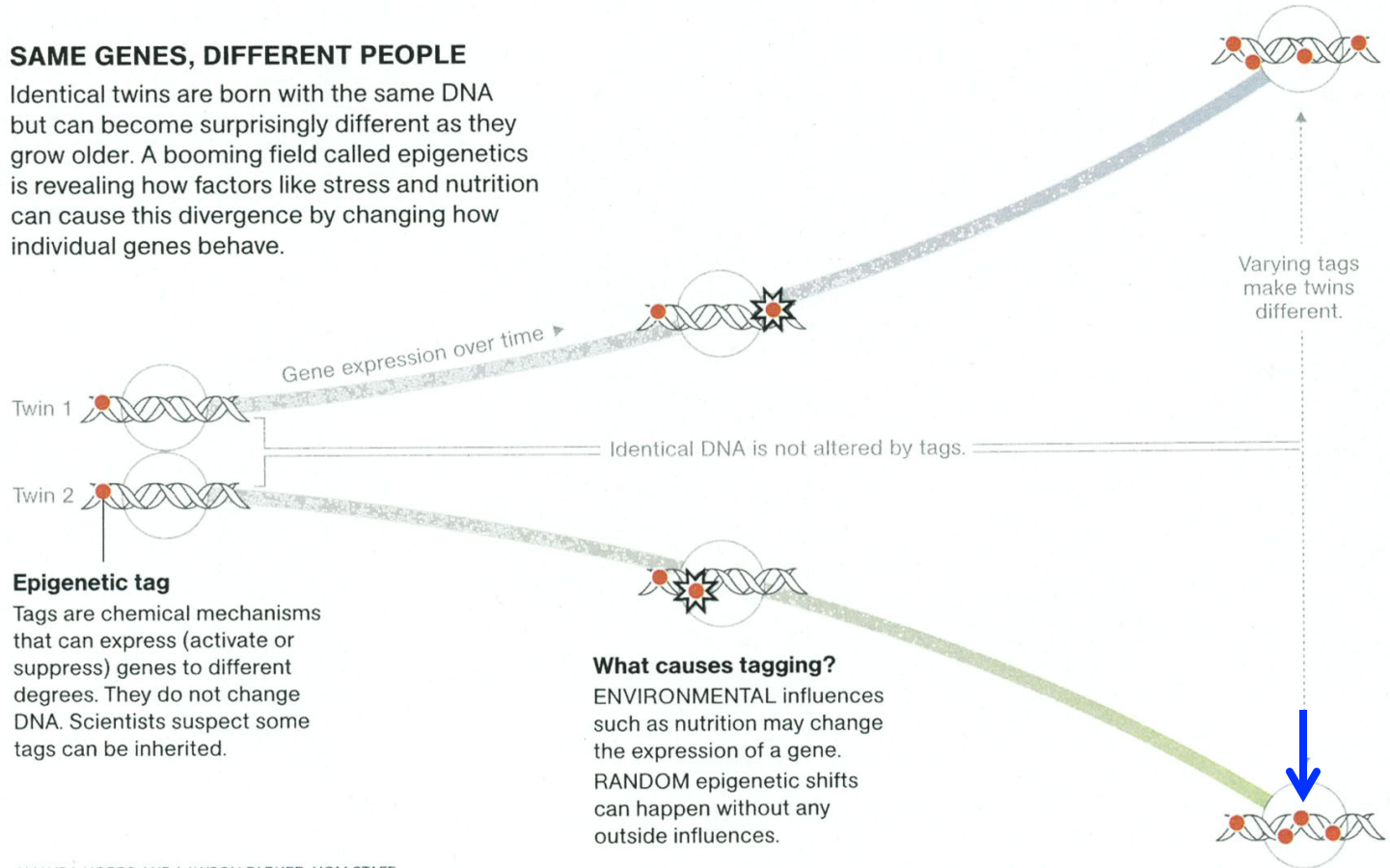
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## SAME GENES, DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Identical twins are born with the same DNA but can become surprisingly different as they grow older. A booming field called epigenetics is revealing how factors like stress and nutrition can cause this divergence by changing how individual genes behave.



### Epigenetic tag

Tags are chemical mechanisms that can express (activate or suppress) genes to different degrees. They do not change DNA. Scientists suspect some tags can be inherited.

### What causes tagging?

ENVIRONMENTAL influences such as nutrition may change the expression of a gene.  
RANDOM epigenetic shifts can happen without any outside influences.

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SOURCE: ARTURAS PETRONIS, CENTRE FOR ADDICTION  
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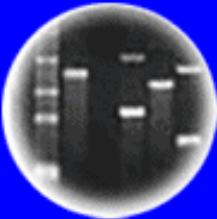
Rare Epigenetic Events Can Affect Individuals Differently!



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# Epigenetic Effects in Disease?


**EPIGENETIC EFFECTS**  
A few disease studies in the NIH Roadmap Epigenomics Project.

**CANCER**




Control of gene expression by epigenetic modification could have a role in tumour formation, and could explain how environmental factors trigger cancer.

**PRENATAL CHANGES**



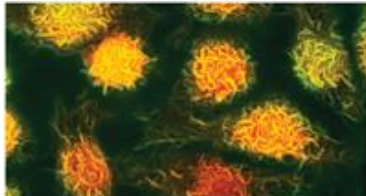
Molecular modifications to fetal and maternal DNA before birth could later make people susceptible to type 2 diabetes or cardiovascular disease.

**BRAIN DISORDERS**



Epigenetic changes have been implicated in brain health, from cognitive decline in normal ageing to conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and autism.

**CHRONIC DISEASES**



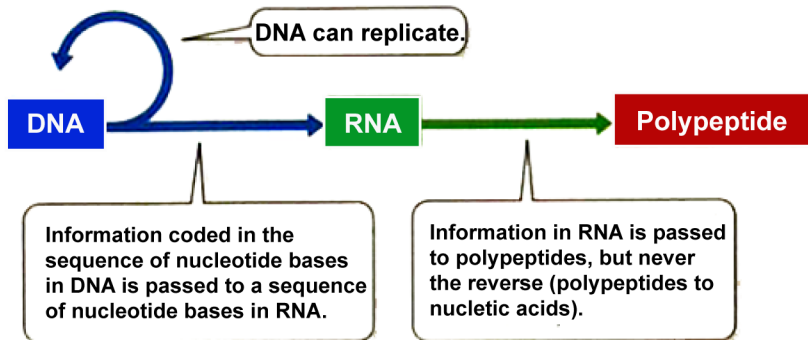
Complex chronic conditions such as systemic lupus erythematosus, asthma and insulin resistance in obesity and diabetes are thought to have an environmental component. Studies aim to identify how this can cause epigenetic changes that might affect disease progression.

Rare Epigenetic Events Affect Individuals Differently!



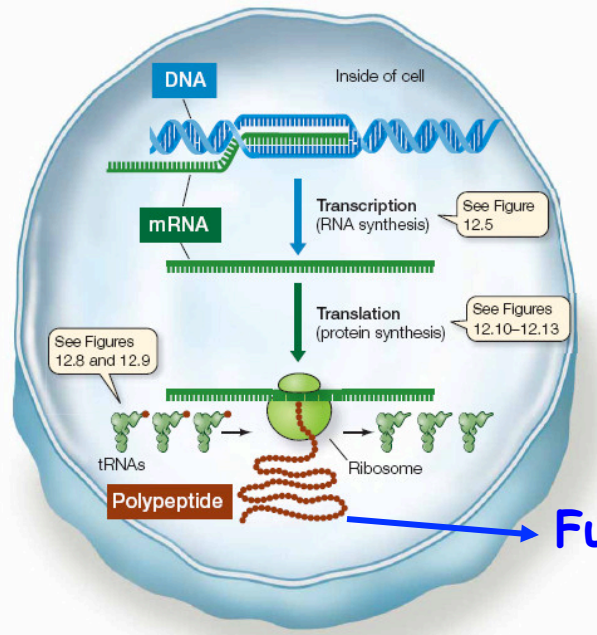
# How Do Genes Work-Not As Simple As We Think!

## ① Replication



## ② Gene Activity to Function & Phenotype

Gene Activity  
↓  
Protein  
↓  
Function  
↓  
Phenotype (Trait)



Function →



But Precise Cellular Rules Are Followed That We Can Use For Genetic Engineering!