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Genetic Engineering in Medicine, Agriculture, and Law

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Lecture 4

What Are Genes & How Do They Work: Part Two

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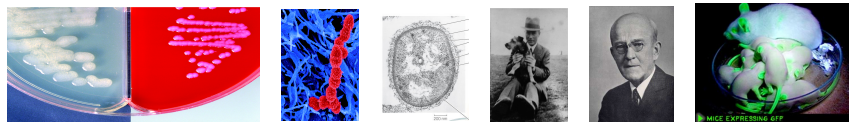


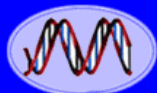
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Last Tuesday's Lecture: What Are Genes & How Do They Function - Part One

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) Avery et al. Experiment
 - c) 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. Structure of DNA
5. Demonstration
 - a) Bacterial "Cloning"

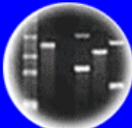




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Plants of Tomorrow

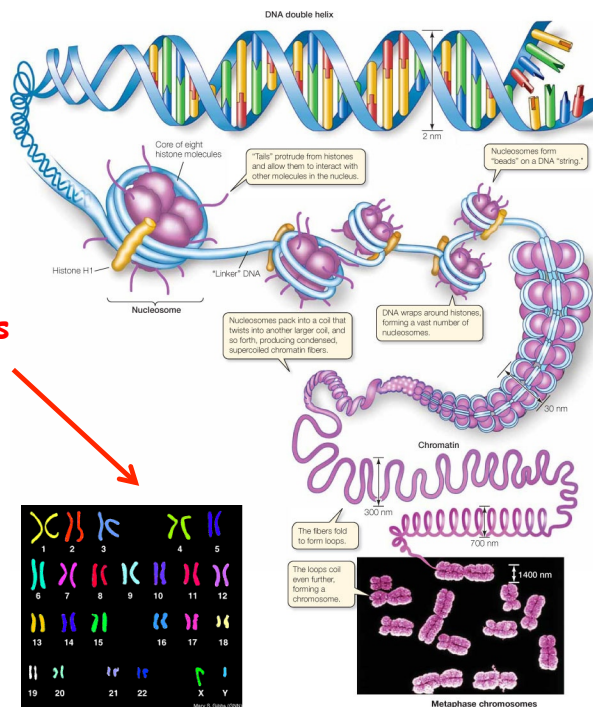
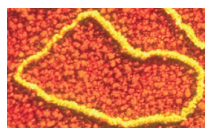
THEMES

1. What is the Anatomy of a Gene?
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?

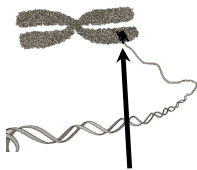
A Chromosome Contains One (or Two!!) Continuous DNA Molecule(s)

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?)

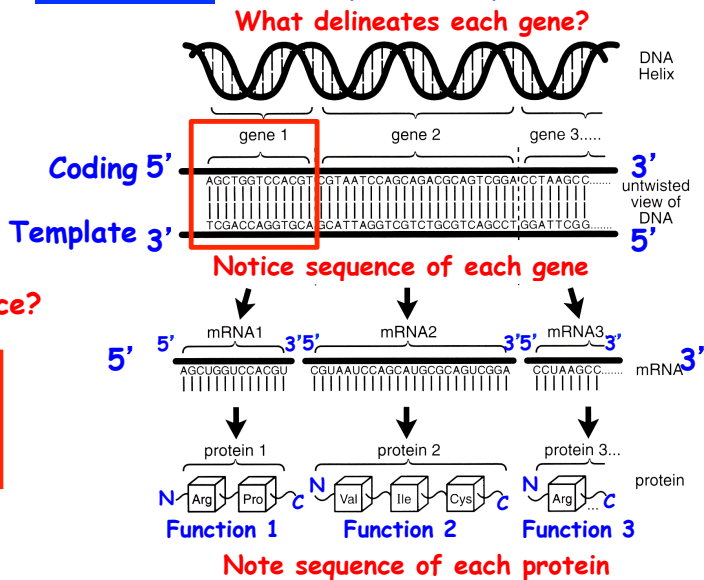


Position of Genes
1, 2, & 3 in
chromosome

Discrete Units! Evidence?

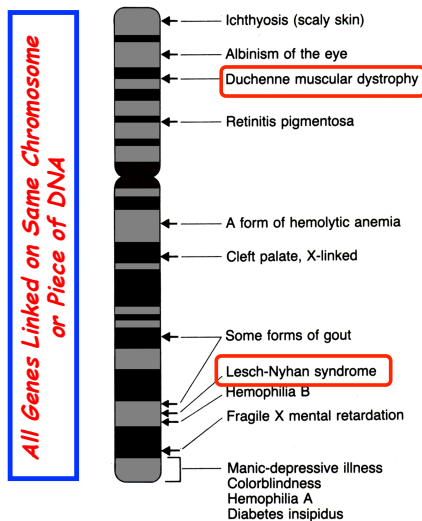
Notice- Each gene, mRNA, & protein has a unique order/sequence of monomeric units

Central Dogma
∴ Genes → Functions in Cells
via Proteins
Cells duplicate & stay the same
→ DNA replication



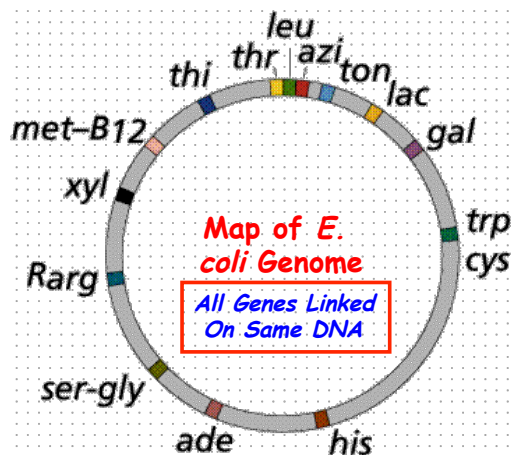
VERY IMPORTANT CONCEPT!
COLINEARITY BETWEEN GENE SEQUENCE AND PROTEIN SEQUENCE

Genes Reside at Specific Chromosomal Locations



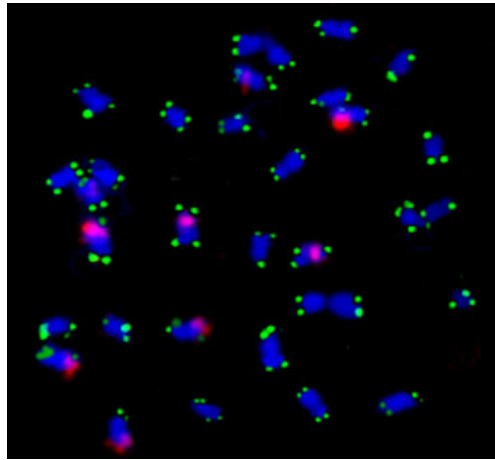
Linear DNA
How Know?

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



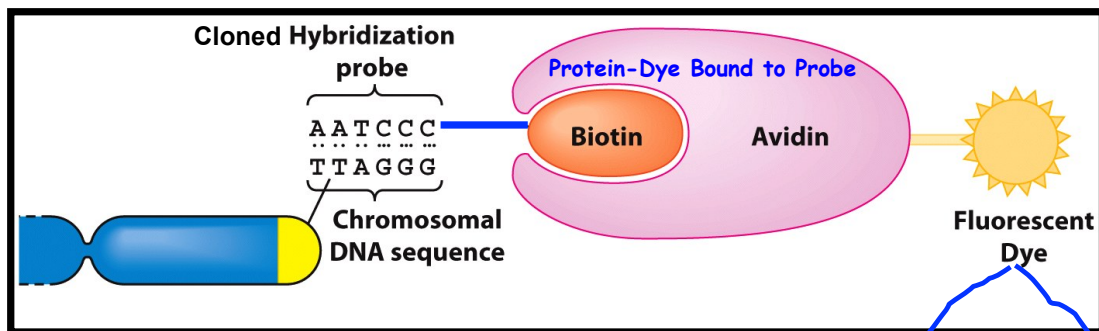
Circular DNA
How Know?

Gene Loci Can Be Mapped and Visualized

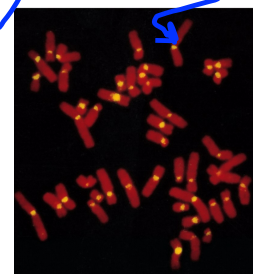
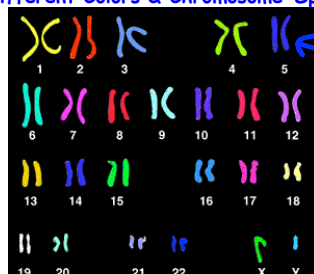
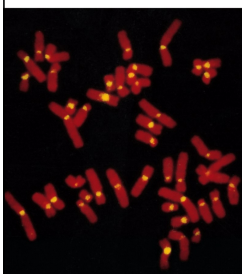


Gene Position = Locus = Unique DNA Sequence

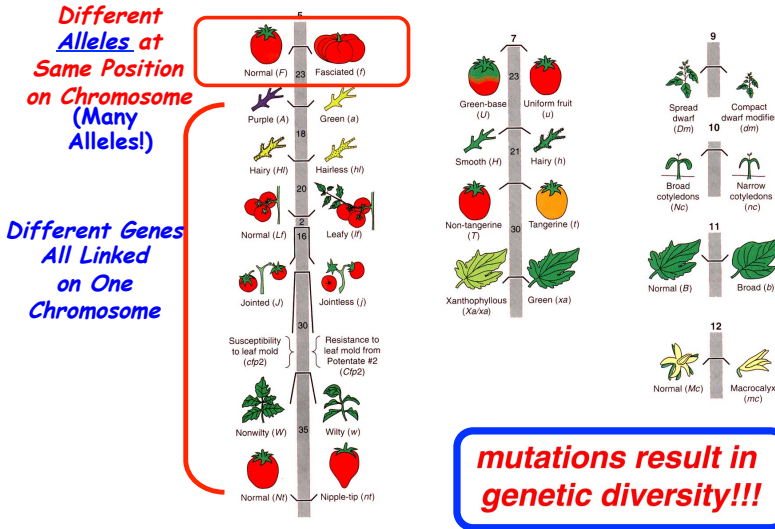
Visualization of Specific Gene Loci Using Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)



Dyes of Different Colors & Chromosome-Specific Probes



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



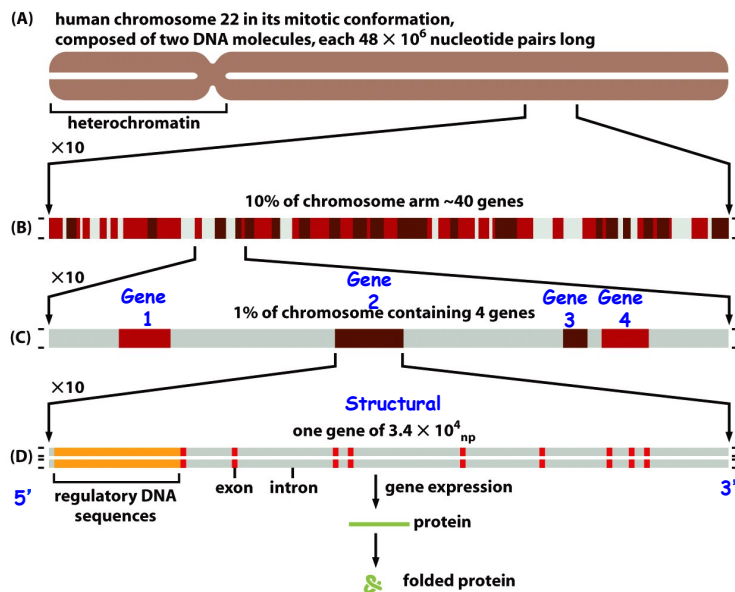
Gene Engineering Can Generate New Forms of Alleles of a Gene and, therefore, Results in More Genetic Diversity

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

mutations result in genetic diversity!!!

Alleles Reside at the Same Position on a Chromosome

Organization of Genes on Human Chromosome 22

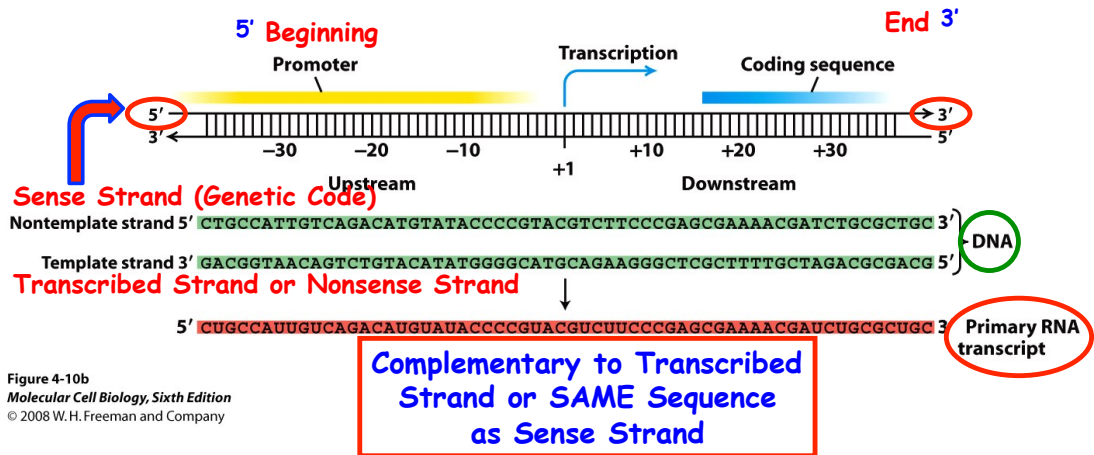


Genes Are Defined/Precise Regions of DNA

One Large Gene!

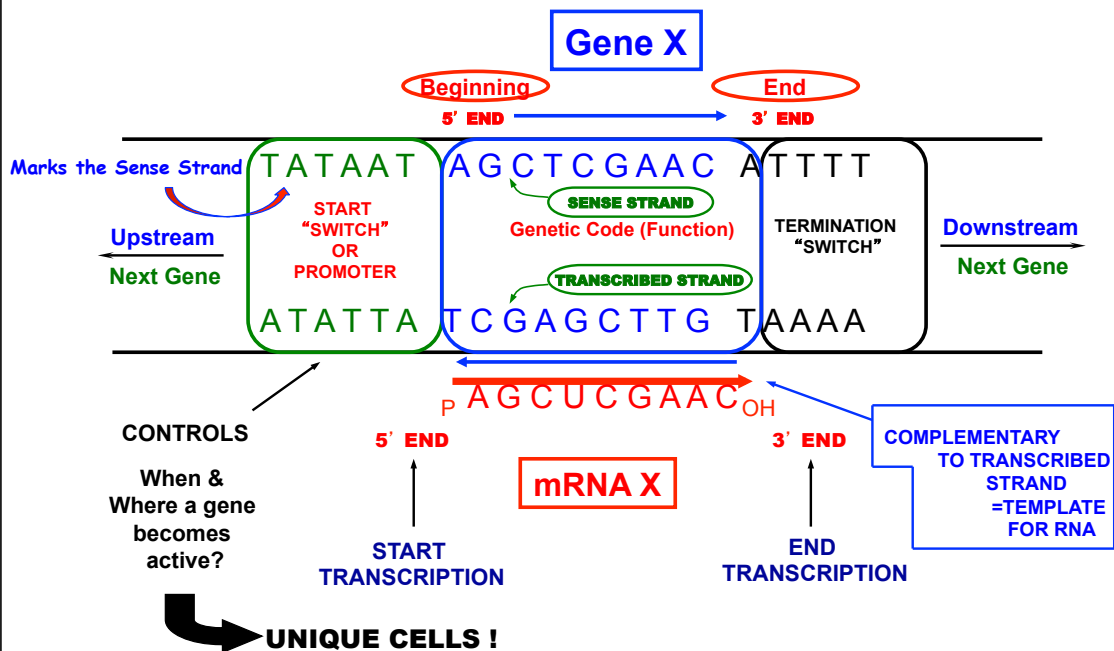
Genes Act As Individual Units?
 How Know? Design an Experiment!!

A Conceptualized Gene



Only Know the Structure of a Gene Because of the Invention of Recombinant DNA Technology - Why?

The Detailed Anatomy of a Gene



Note: mRNA Sequence = Sense Strand Sequence



“Simple” Gene Anatomy Reviewed

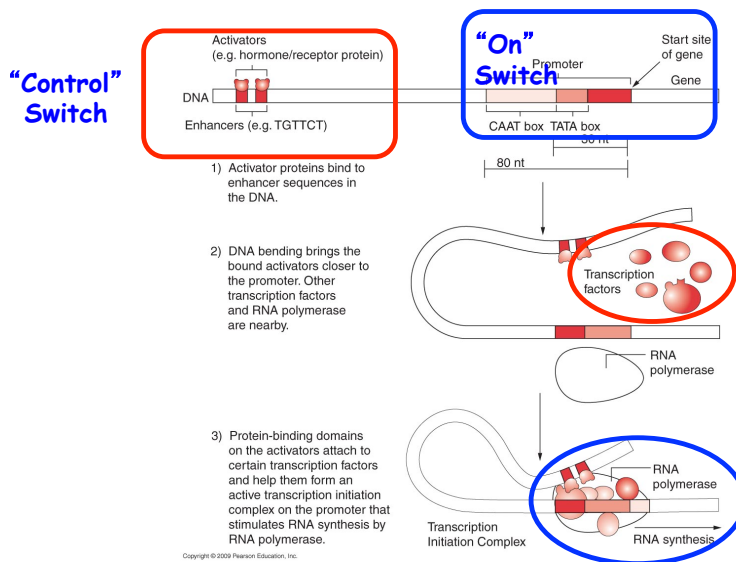
1. **Sense Strand** = Genetic Code
2. **Sense Strand** = 5' → 3' Direction (all DNA sequences specified 5' → 3')
3. **Anti-Sense Strand** = Complement of Sense Strand & is Transcribed Strand
4. **mRNA** = Same Sequence As Sense Strand & Complementary to Antisense Strand
5. **mRNA** = 5' → 3'
6. Switch 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!

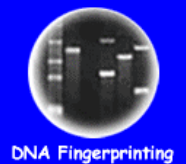
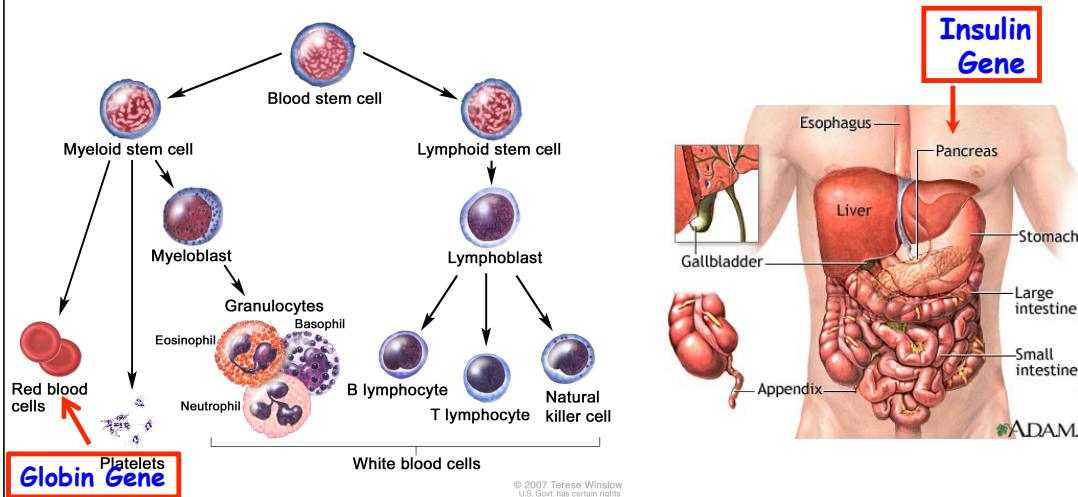
Control Switches Are Unique DNA Sequences & Can Be Cloned

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



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



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.

GFP Gene + 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

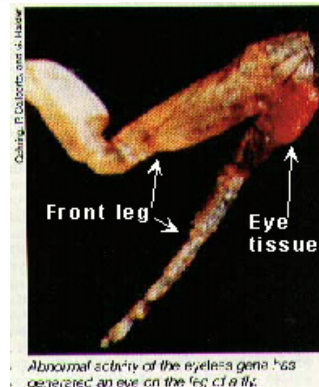
Eye Gene



Replace the Head Switch With the Leg Switch by Genetic Engineering

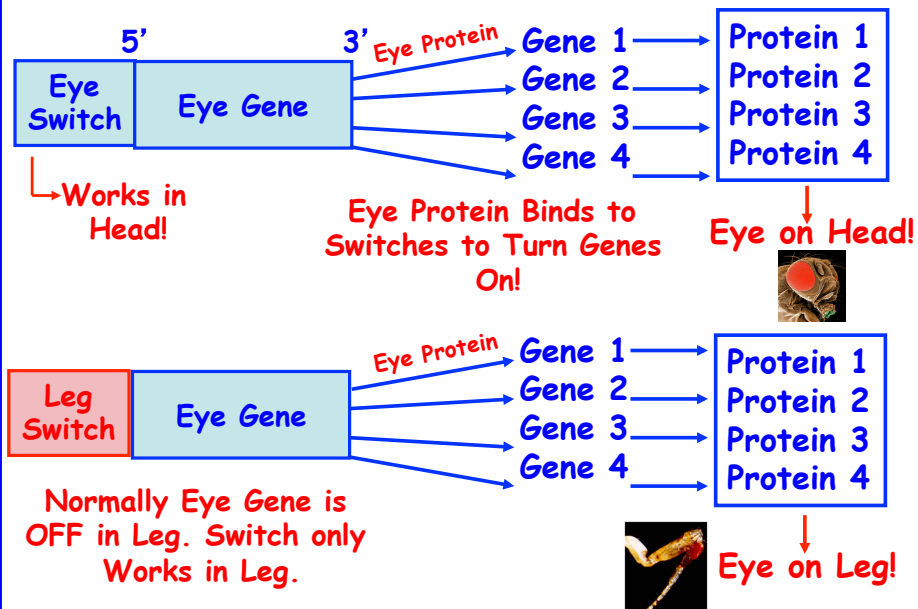


Eye Gene + Leg Switch



Eye Genetic Regulatory Network (GRN) - Engineering Body Architecture

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




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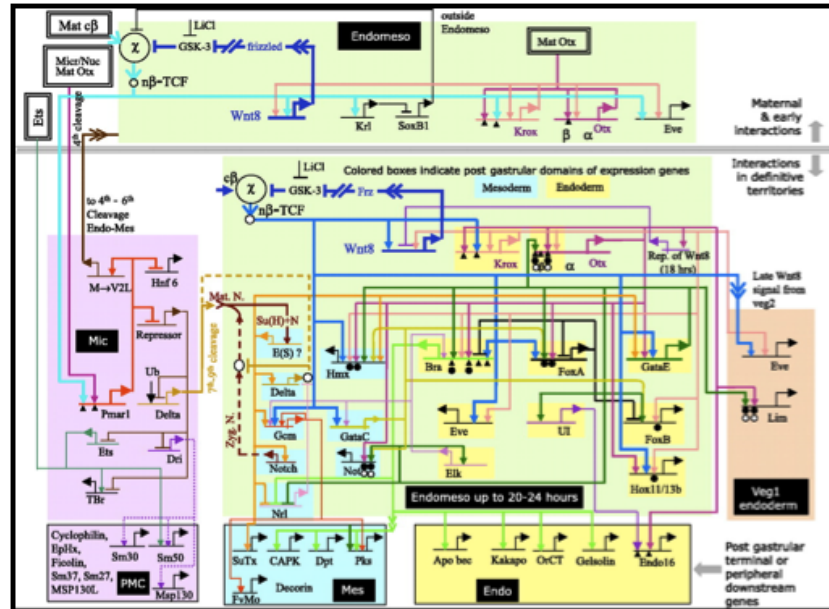

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Ultimate Goal: To Dissect Genetic Regulatory Networks Programming Human Development From Birth to Death!




Genetic Networks Programming Early
Sea Urchin Development


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If We Understand How Genes Are Choreographed &
All the Sequences That Program them

IMMORTALITY?

YES
NO



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

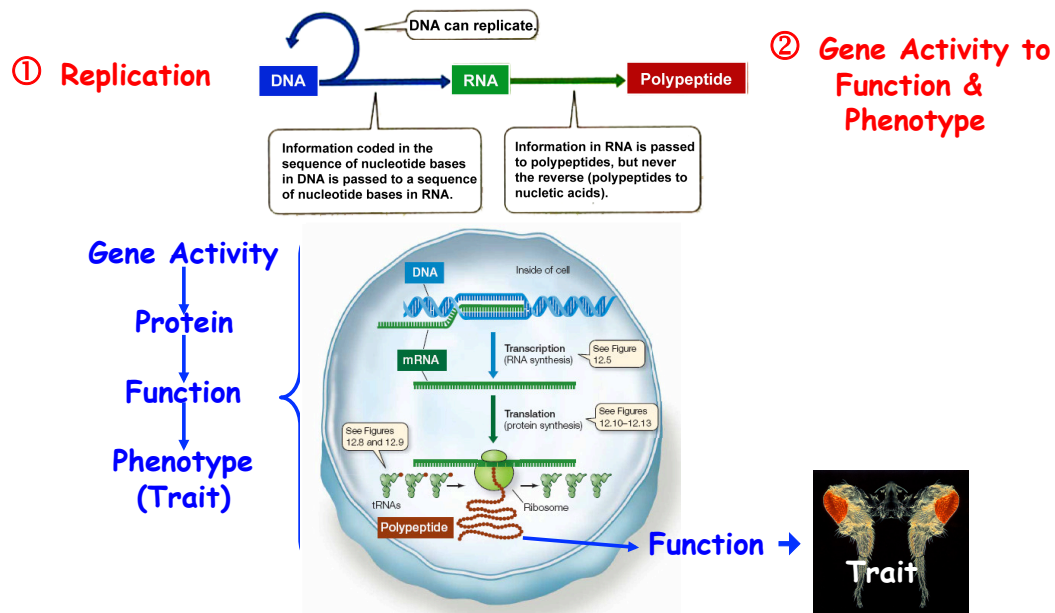
What Does the Future Hold?

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

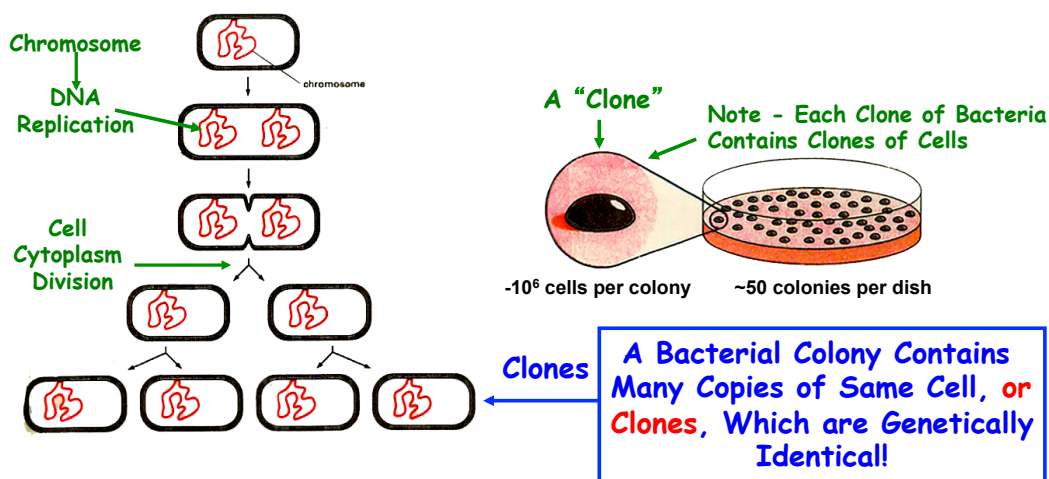


A Gene is NOT Expressed Unless A Functional Protein Produced!

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How Are Genes Replicated Each Cell Generation?

(Text Pages 40-43)



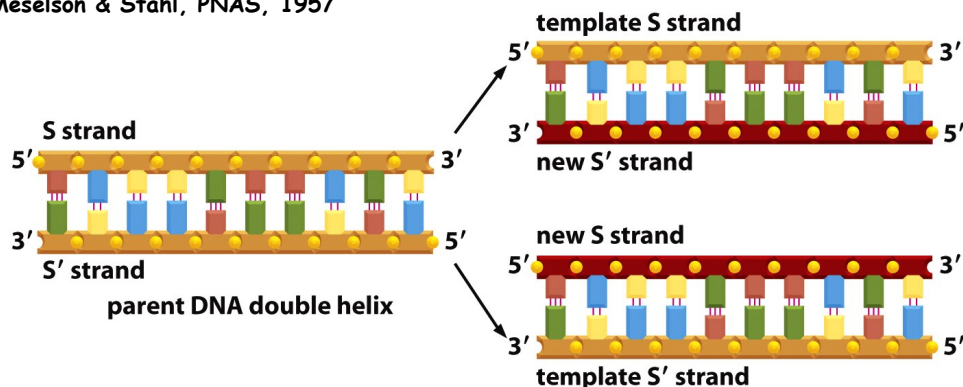
Each Daughter Cell Contains The Same Collection of Genes

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

Clones!

DNA Replication Occurs Semi-Conservatively

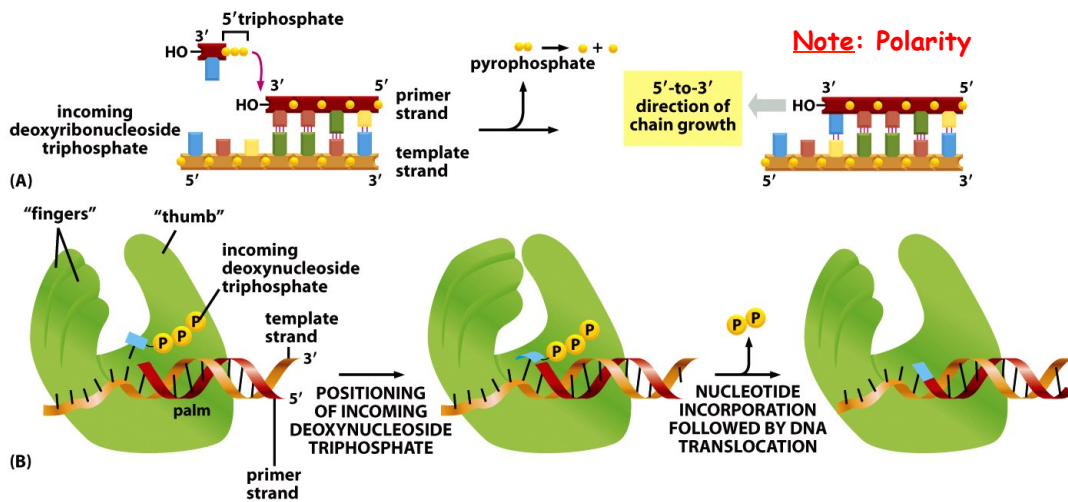
Meselson & Stahl, PNAS, 1957



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

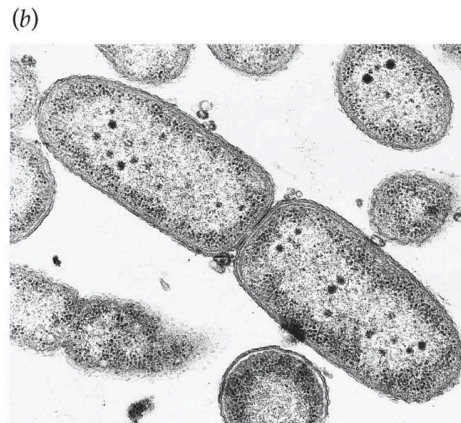
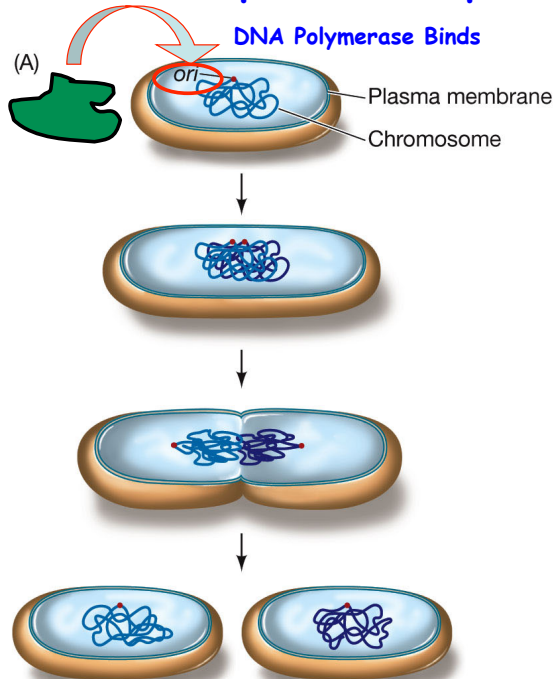
DNA Replication Requires An Enzyme - DNA Polymerase

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

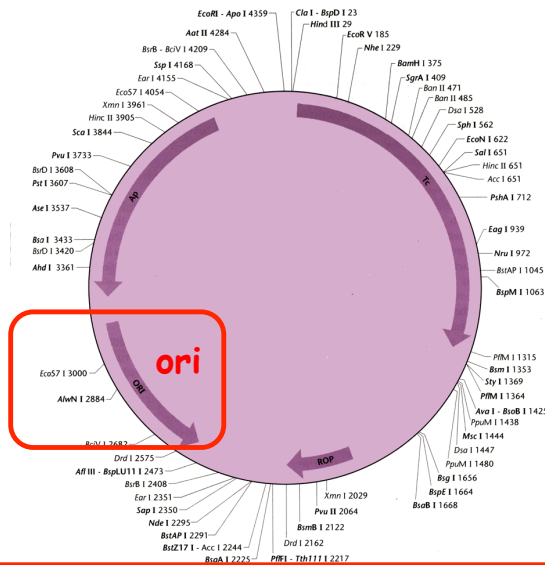
DNA Replication Requires An Origin of Replication



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

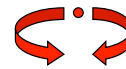
Two IDENTICAL Cells - Phenotypically & Genotypically - From One

DNA Replication Starts at The Origin of Replication



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

Ori

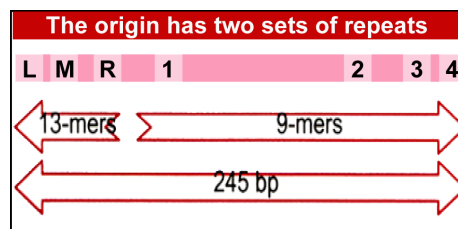
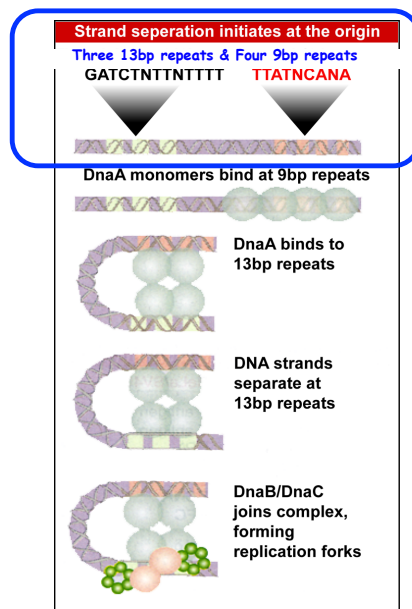


Hypothesis For Two Direction Synthesis?

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?

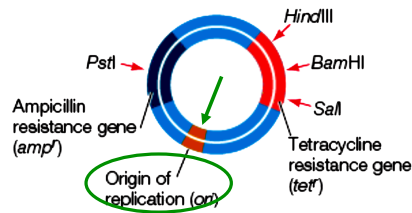
3. What is The Significance For Genetic Engineering?

4. Can Replicating “Chromosomes” Be Made?



Vectors Are Needed To Replicate Genes In Transformed Cells

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



↓ Recognition Site for Restriction Enzymes

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!

Note →

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

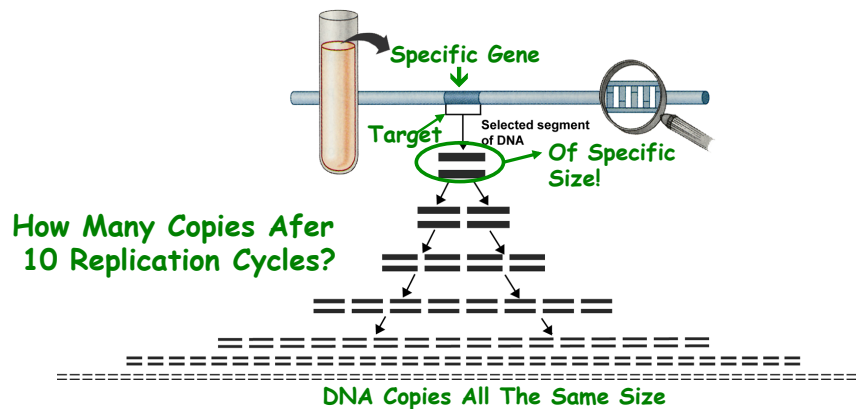
Yo! It's in the Sequence= Function

∴ Vectors can be Engineered!

Ori's can be cloned/synthesized!

MODULAR!!

The Polymerase Chain Reaction or PCR is A Molecular Xerox Machine

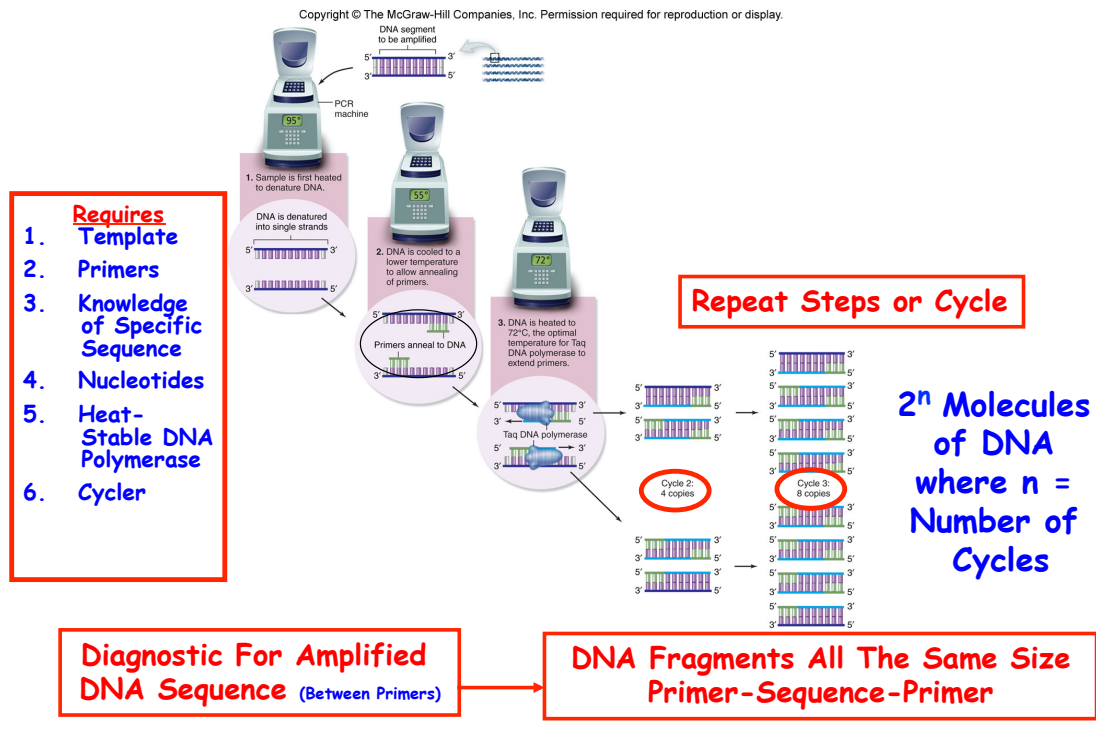


1. PCR Has Revolutionized DNA Analysis!
Specific DNA Sequences/Genes Can Be "Copied" Directly From "Tiny" Amount of DNA!

2. No Cloning Needed!

3. But Need Sequence! ⇒ Have to Clone "Gene" First

PCR is A Cyclical Process of DNA Replication



Using Gel Electrophoresis to Visualize PCR Products



Specific Diagnostic DNA Band Unique to DNA Sequence Being Amplified

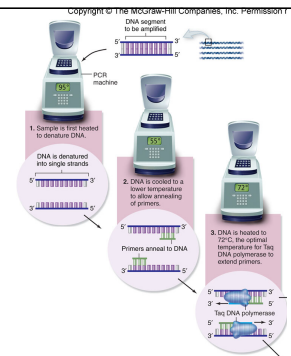
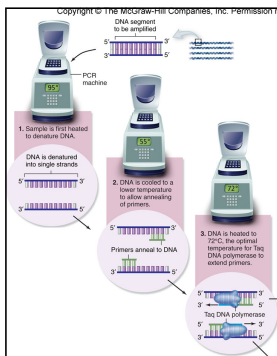
- Target-Specific Band
- Diagnostic For Specific DNA Sequence
- Band Size Unique For Specific Sequence
- Primers "Surround" the Target Sequence

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

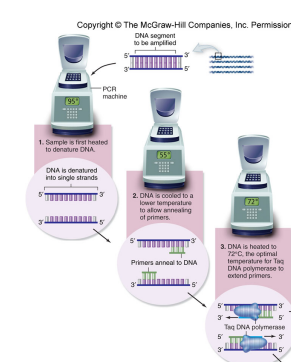
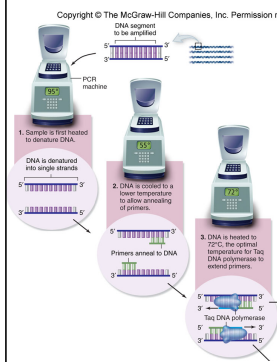
Requirements For PCR

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

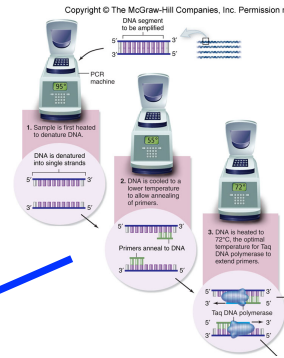
It's All in the DNA Sequences -- Know Sequence & Can Synthesize an Infinite Amount of Specific DNA Sequences.
It now Takes One Hour To Do What Used to Take YEARS!



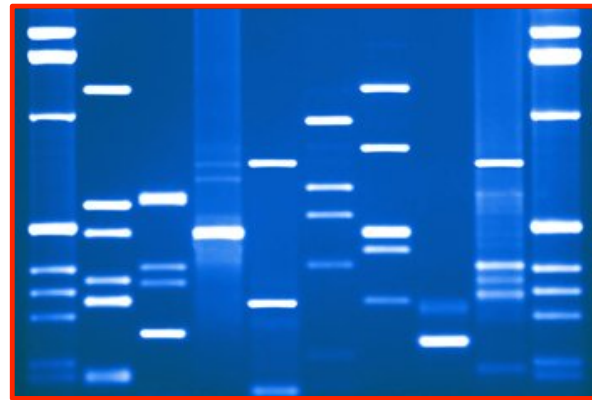
Examples of PCR Applications



Using PCR to Determine Your DNA Fingerprint



Unique Pattern of DNA Bands = Fingerprint



Using PCR to Determine Bobg's Genotype

23andMe Research Discoveries were made possible by 23andMe members who took surveys.

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NAME	CONFIDENCE	YOUR RISK	AVG. RISK	COMPARED TO AVERAGE
Parkinson's Disease	★★★★	56.3%	1.6%	35.01x
Prostate Cancer	★★★★	40.8%	17.8%	2.29x
Atrial Fibrillation	★★★★	33.9%	27.2%	1.25x
Pooritis	★★★★	16.8%	11.4%	1.48x
Gallstones	★★★★	11.1%	7.0%	1.58x
Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma (ESCC)	★★★★	0.43%	0.36%	1.21x
Stomach Cancer (Gastric Cardia Adenocarcinoma)	★★★★	0.28%	0.23%	1.22x
Bladder Cancer	★★★			
Paget's Disease of Bone	★★★			
Migraines	★★★			
Keloid	★★★			
Glaucoma: Preliminary Research	★★★			

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NAME	CONFIDENCE	STATUS
Factor XI Deficiency	★★★★	Variant Present
Congenital 26-Related Sensorineural Hearing Loss	★★★★	Variant Present
Phenylketonuria	★★★★	Variant Absent
Familial Dysautonomia	★★★★	Variant Absent
Cystic Fibrosis	★★★★	Variant Absent
Hemochromatosis (HFE-related)	★★★★	Variant Absent
Familial Hypercholesterolemia (ABCG5-related)	★★★★	Variant Absent
Primary Hyperparathyroidism Type 2 (PH2)	★★★★	Variant Absent
Sjögren-Larsson Syndrome	★★★★	Variant Absent
Wilson's Disease	★★★★	Variant Absent
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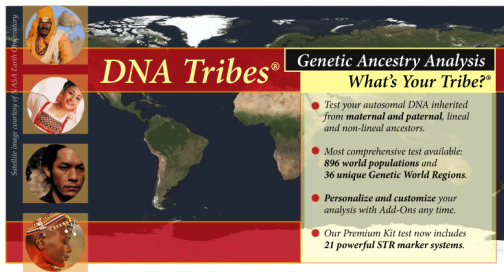
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Here's what you do:



Using PCR To Determine an Individual's Ancestry



DNA Tribes® Genetic Ancestry Analysis
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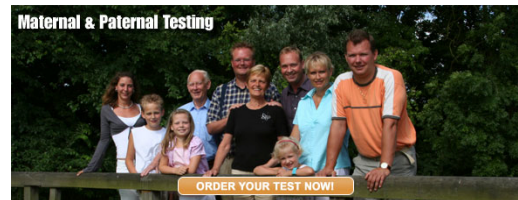
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Find out about your ancestry...

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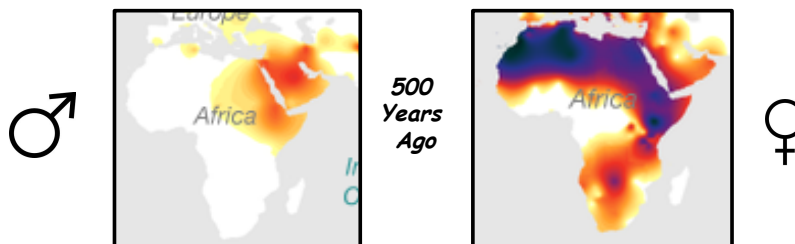
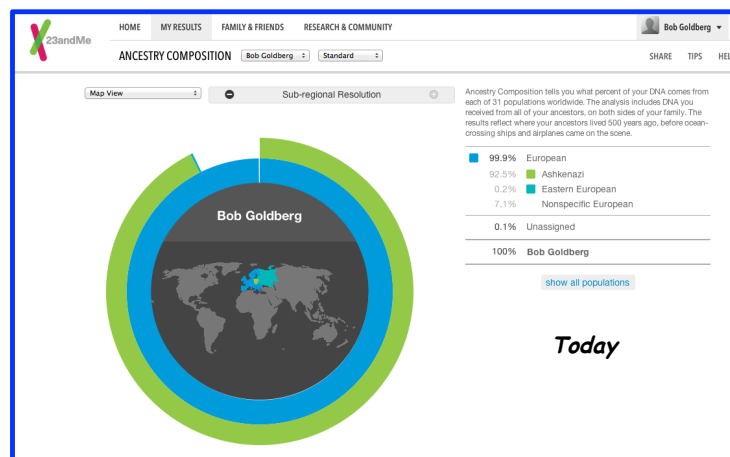


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DNA can reveal ancestors' lies and secrets
LA Times, January 18, 2009

Bobg's Ancestry



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

Richard E. Green¹, Johannes Krause¹, Susan E. Ptak¹, Adrian W. Briggs¹, Michael T. Ronan², Jan F. Simons², Lei Du², Michael Egholm², Jonathan M. Rothberg², Maja Paunovic^{3,†} & Svante Pääbo¹



Nature, November, 2006



Bobg's Neanderthal DNA Content

Got Neanderthal DNA?

An estimated 2.6% of your DNA is from Neanderthals.

Bob Goldberg (you)



2.6%

33rd percentile

Average European user



2.7%

MODERN HUMANS

Higher brow
Narrower shoulders
Slightly taller

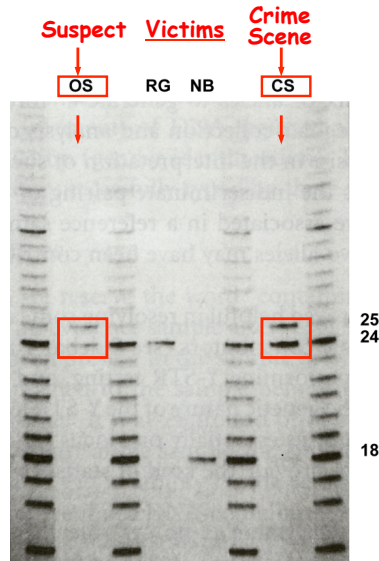
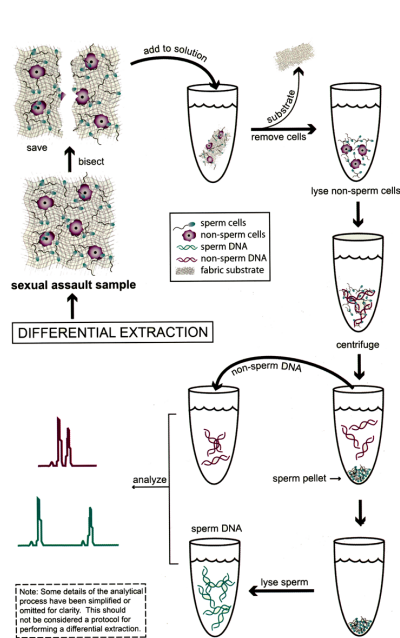


NEANDERTHALS

Heavy eyebrow ridge
Long, low, bigger skull
Prominent nose with developed nasal chambers for cold-air protection



Using PCR in Crime Scenes



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

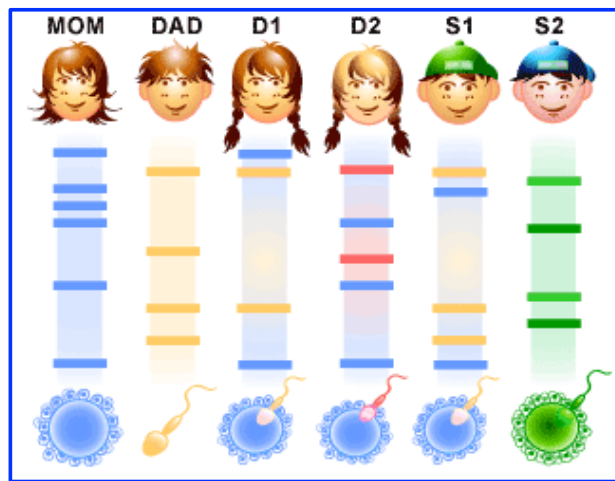
"Match"
What is
Probability
That This
Will Occur
by Chance?

DNA Doesn't "Lie" !!

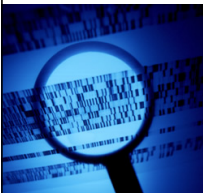
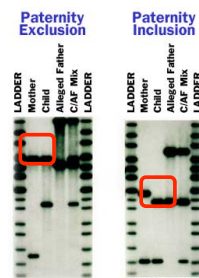
Using DNA Fingerprints to Identify Individuals & Genes They Don't "Lie"

DNA Fingerprints

*Sometimes
They
Reveal
Unexpected
Results!*



**What is YOUR DNA
Fingerprint?**



Identifying Victims of 9/11 Using PCR and DNA Fingertinting

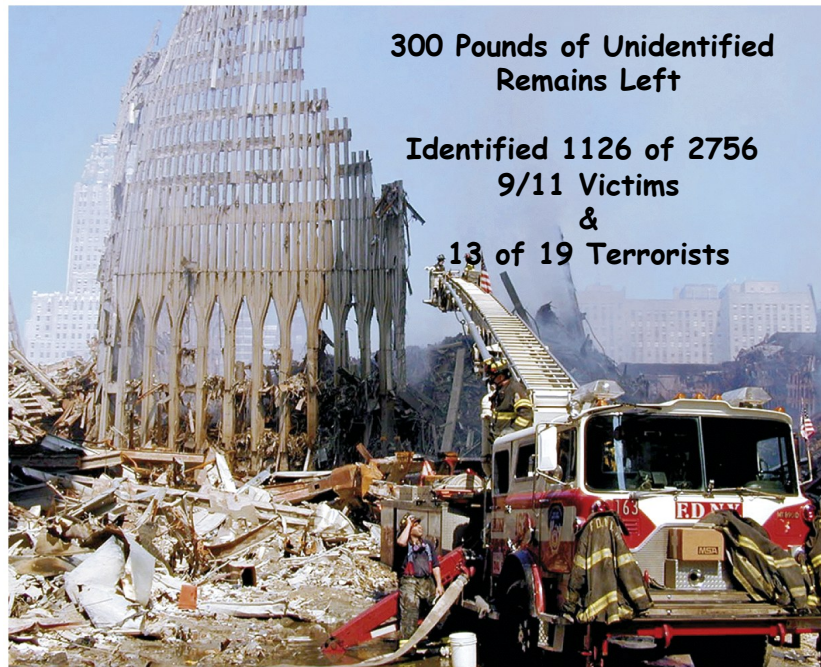
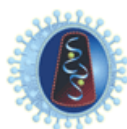
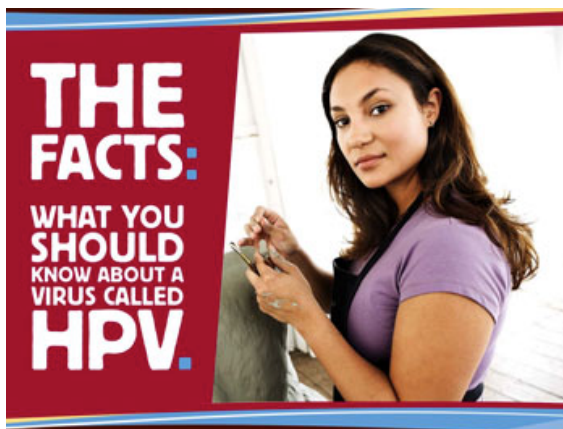


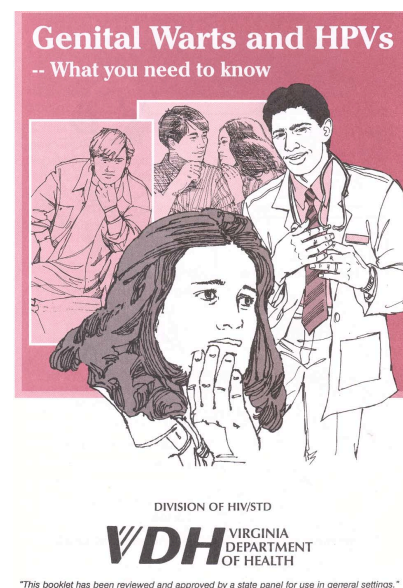
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Newsweek, January 12, 2009

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

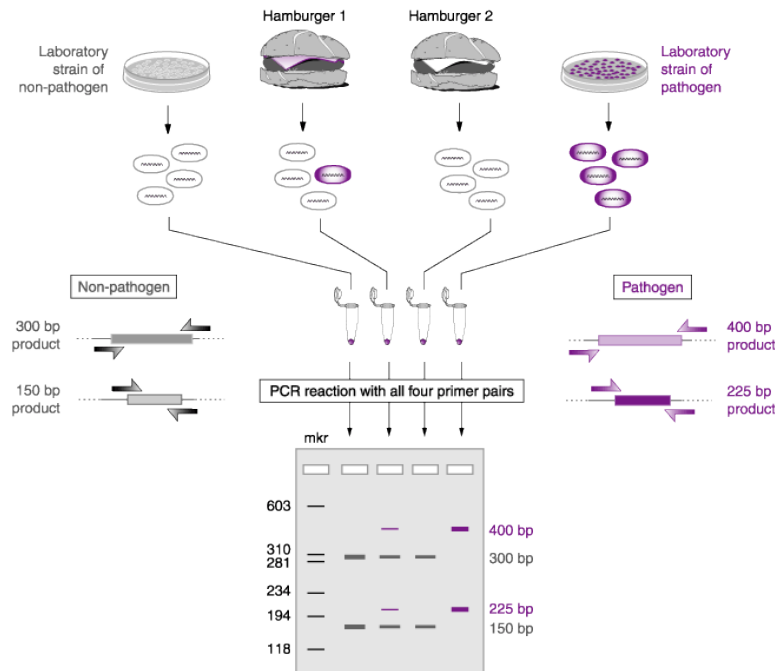


ViroSeq™
HIV-1 Genotyping System



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

Using PCR To Detect Food Pathogens

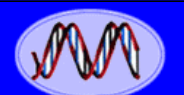
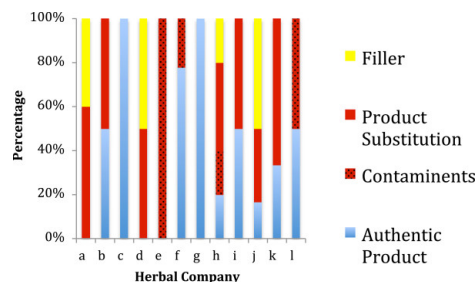
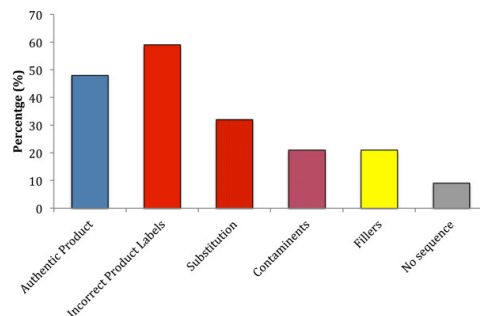
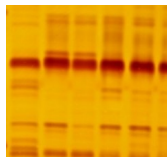


And Consumer Fraud in the Natural Food Industry

DNA barcoding detects contamination and substitution in North American herbal products

BMC Medicine, 11, 222, 2013

Barcoding = DNA Fingerprinting!



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

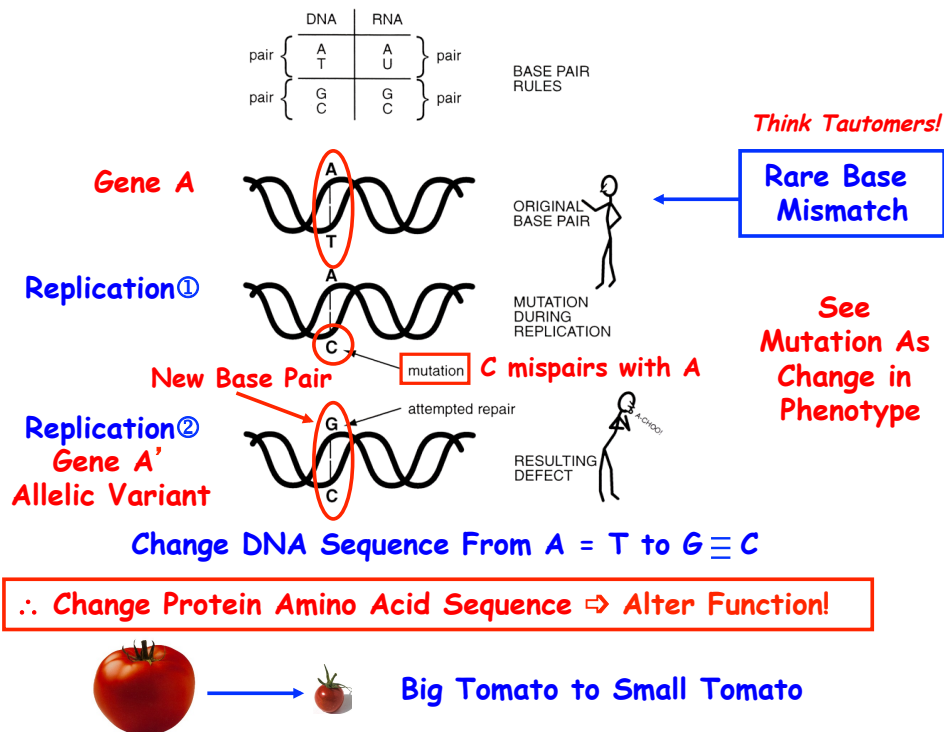
1. Amplify Any DNA Sequence, or Gene, From "Tiny" Amounts of DNA or Biological Materials IF ORIGINAL SEQUENCE KNOWN
2. Study DNA From Limited and/or Degraded Sources Such As:
 1. A Single Human Hair or Cheek Cell
 2. An Ancient Fossil (e.g., Neanderthal Bone or Mammoth Hair)
 3. An Ancient Insect Trapped 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 ∞ Amount of Specific Sequences

Revolutionized How To Study & Manipulate DNA

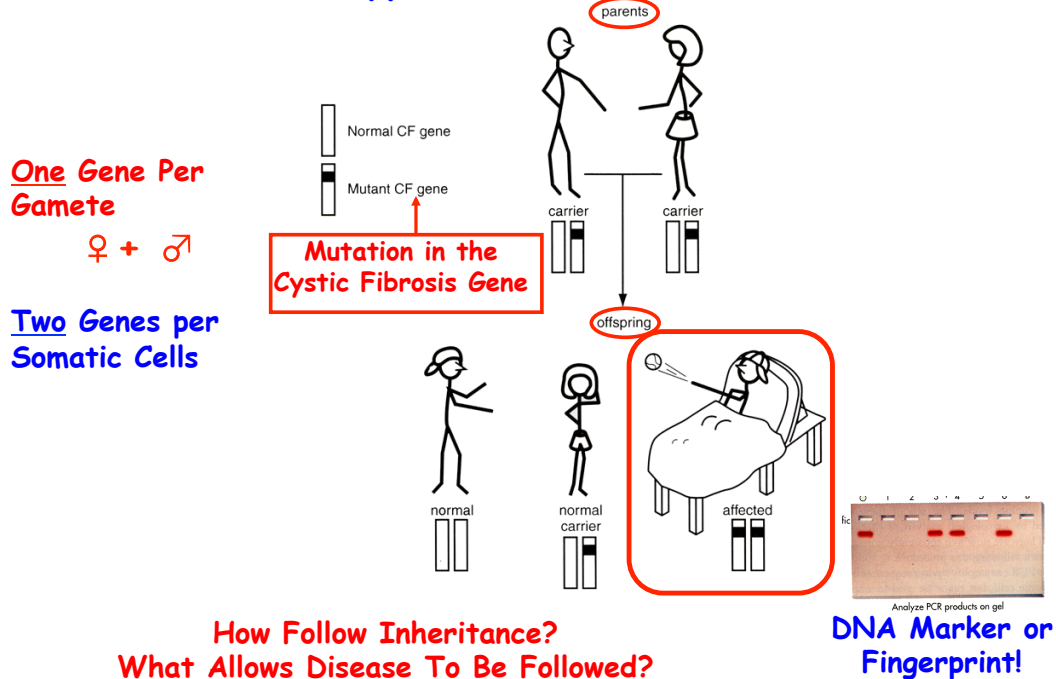


Kerry Mullis and PCR
Nightline March, 1994

DNA Replication is Precise But Mistakes or Mutations Can Occur!

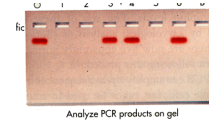
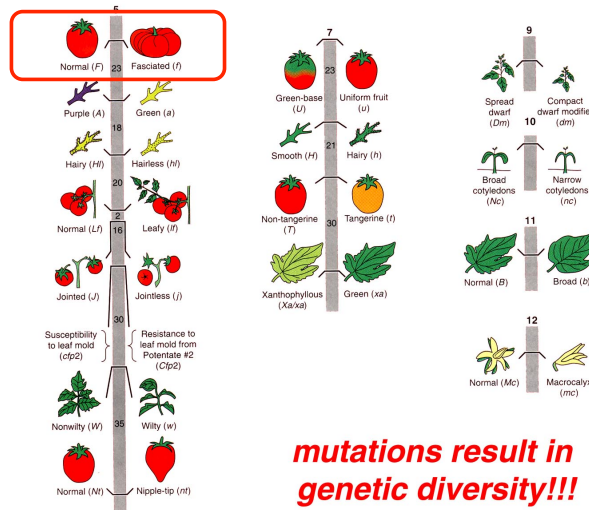


Mutation in Genes Are Rare But Are Inherited & Can Be Followed in Families By Phenotype or at DNA Level!



Alternative Forms of the Same Gene Lead to Genetic Diversity

Alleles



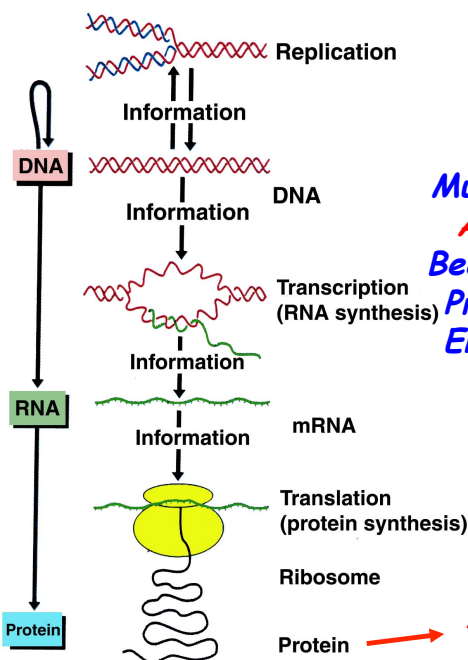
Can Follow These Traits With DNA Markers As Well

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

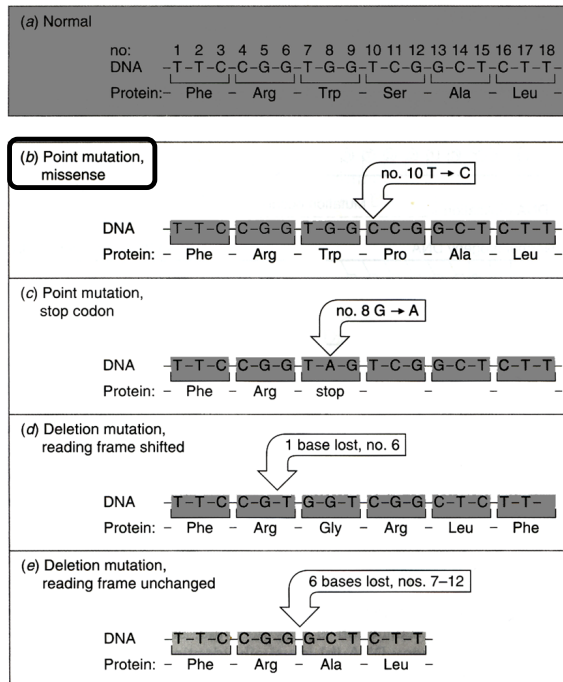


Mutations Lead To Altered Protein Because mRNA and Protein Sequence Encoded By Gene Changes



Mutations Lead to Altered Traits/Phenotype Because Protein Structure Changed

Mutations Can Occur Different Ways



1. Base-Pair Change
2. Insert or Delete Base (Indel)
3. Move Gene, or Part of Gene, to New Location (Switches Change)!

Function of Protein Lost and/or Changed
 ∴
 Phenotype Changes

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

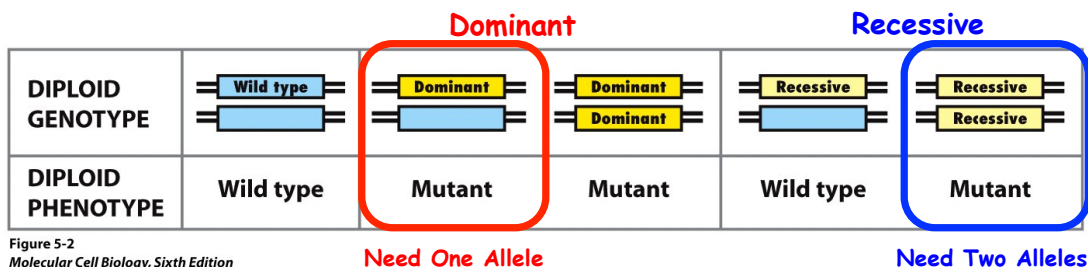
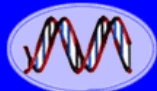


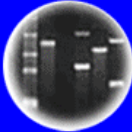
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A map of human genome variation from population-scale sequencing

The 1000 Genomes Project Consortium*

The 1000 Genomes Project aims to provide a deep characterization of human genome sequence variation as a foundation for investigating the relationship between genotype and phenotype. Here we present results of the pilot phase of the project, designed to develop and compare different strategies for genome-wide sequencing with high-throughput platforms. We undertook three projects: low-coverage whole-genome sequencing of 179 individuals from four populations; high-coverage sequencing of two mother-father-child trios; and exon-targeted sequencing of 697 individuals from seven populations. We describe the location, allele frequency and local haplotype structure of approximately 15 million single nucleotide polymorphisms, 1 million short insertions and deletions, and 20,000 structural variants, most of which were previously undescribed. We show that, because we have catalogued the vast majority of common variation, over 95% of the currently accessible variants found in any individual are present in this data set. On average, each person is found to carry approximately 250 to 300 loss-of-function variants in annotated genes and 50 to 100 variants previously implicated in inherited disorders. We demonstrate how these results can be used to inform association and functional studies. From the two trios, we directly estimate the rate of *de novo* germline base substitution mutations to be approximately 10^{-8} per base pair per generation. We explore the data with regard to signatures of natural selection, and identify a marked reduction of genetic variation in the neighbourhood of genes, due to selection at linked sites. These methods and public data will support the next phase of human genetic research.

- Sequenced Genomes of ~900 individuals
- From Seven Different Global Populations
- Found 250-300 Loss-Of-Function Mutations (KOs) Per Person
- Found 50-100 Mutations Implicated in Genetic Disorders Per Person
- 10^{-8} bp Mutations Per Generation (30 per Genome)

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Rate of *de novo* mutations and the importance of father's age to disease risk

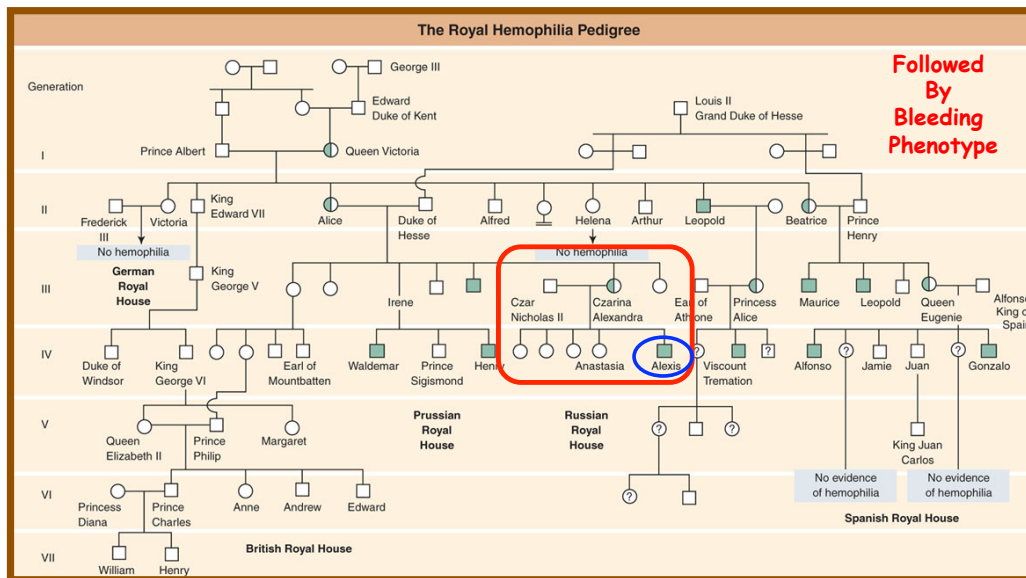
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Mutations generate sequence diversity and provide a substrate for selection. The rate of *de novo* mutations is therefore of major importance to evolution. Here we conduct a study of genome-wide mutation rates by sequencing the entire genomes of 78 Icelandic parent-offspring trios at high coverage. We show that in our samples, with an average father's age of 29.7, the average *de novo* mutation rate is 1.20×10^{-8} per nucleotide per generation. Most notably, the diversity in mutation rate of single nucleotide polymorphisms is dominated by the age of the father at conception of the child. The effect is an increase of about two mutations per year. An exponential model estimates paternal mutations doubling every 16.5 years. After accounting for random Poisson variation, father's age is estimated to explain nearly all of the remaining variation in the *de novo* mutation counts. These observations shed light on the importance of the father's age on the risk of diseases such as schizophrenia and autism.

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Father's Age Is Linked to Risk of Autism and Schizophrenia

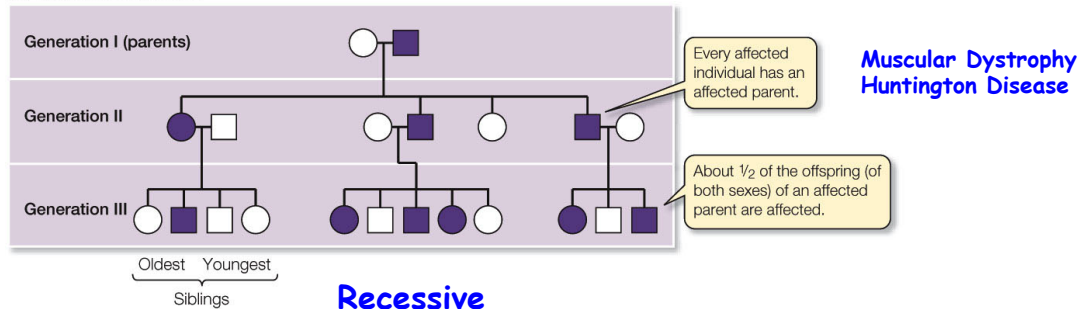
Pedigrees Can Be Used To Follow Disease Genes in Human Families



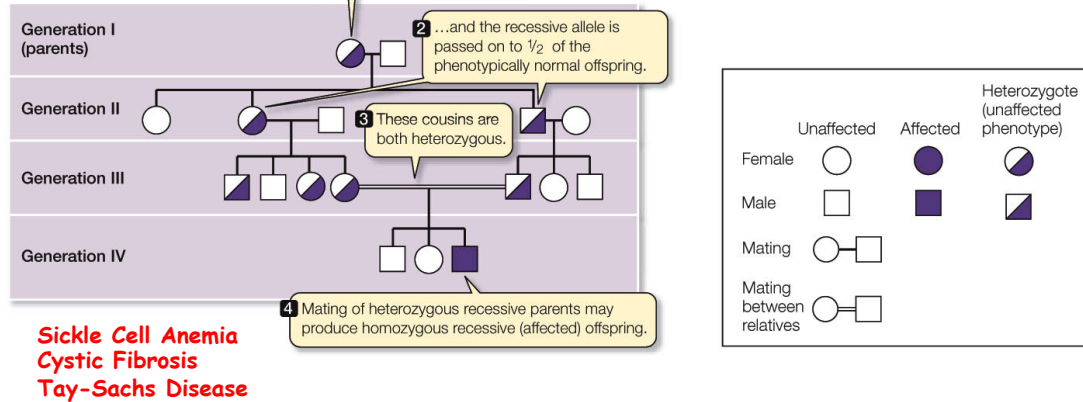
Pedigrees Can Be Used To Determine If a Trait is Dominant or Recessive

Each Type of Inheritance Predicts Specific Results in Each Generation

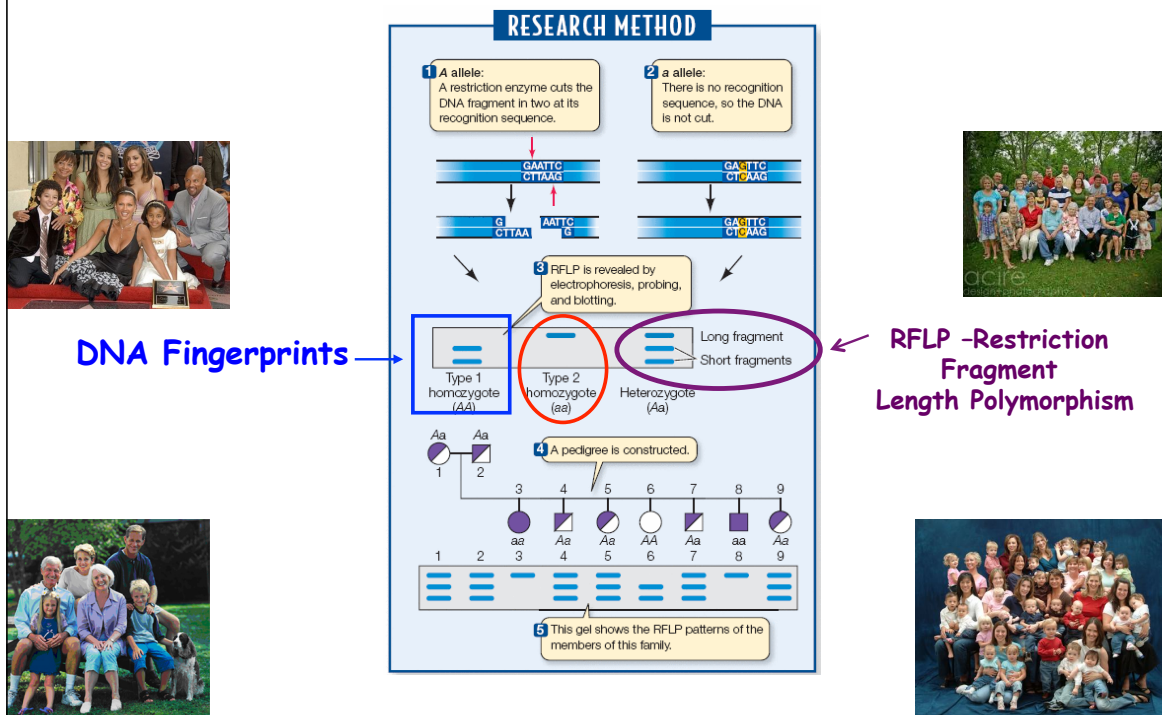
Dominant



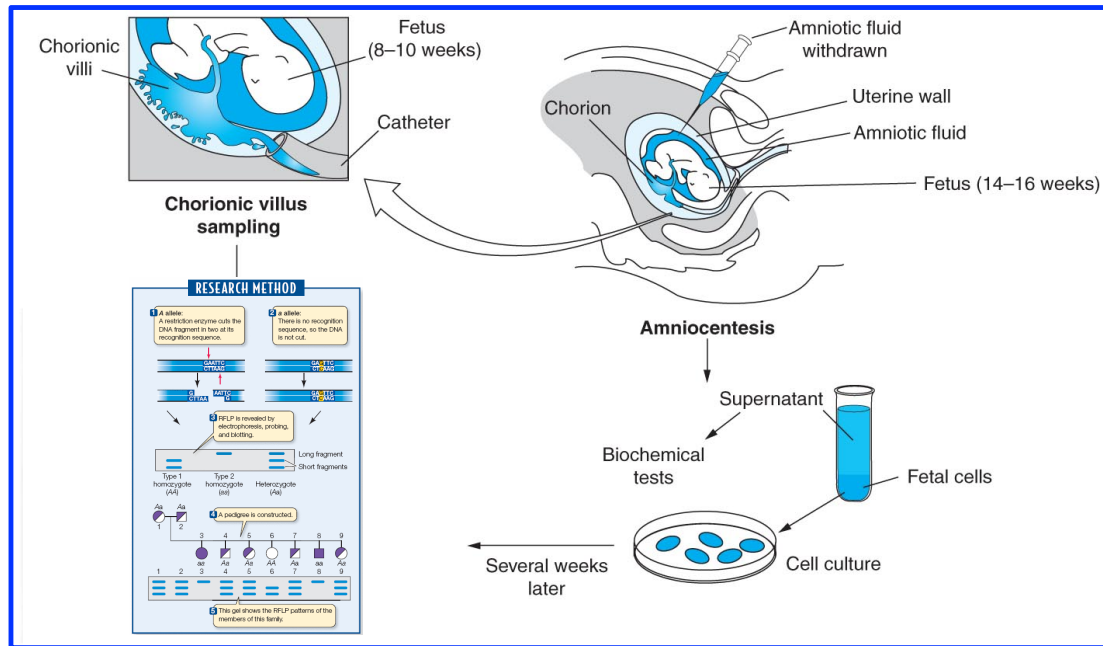
(B) Recessive inheritance



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



DNA Testing Can Be Carried Out Before Child Birth During Pregnancy



RESEARCH ARTICLE New Non-Invasive DNA Tests Are Available Based on PCR

PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS

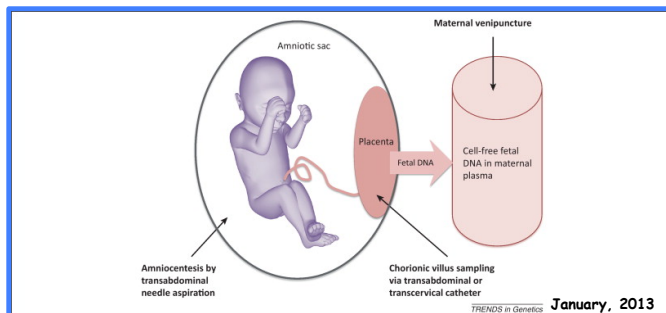
Maternal Plasma DNA Sequencing Reveals the Genome-Wide Genetic and Mutational Profile of the Fetus

Science Translational Medicine, December 8, 2010 (61,1-12)

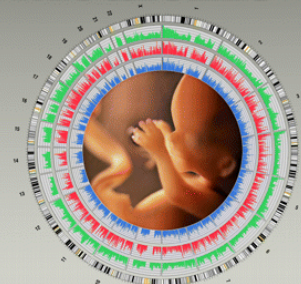
Sequencing DNA From the Blood of a Pregnant Woman Allows the Complete Genome Of the Fetus to Be Decoded!

A New Era in DNA Testing!!

~10% of DNA in Maternal Plasma is From the Fetus



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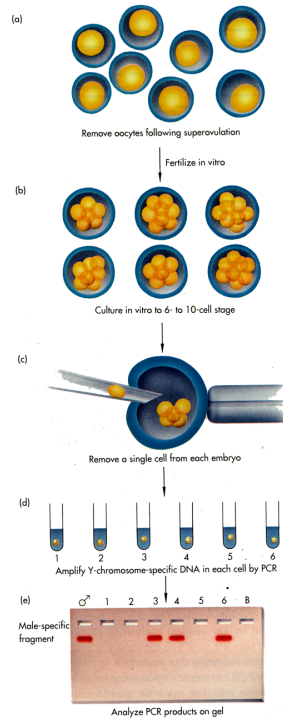


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PCR Can Be Used To Analyze Gene in A Single Embryo Cell

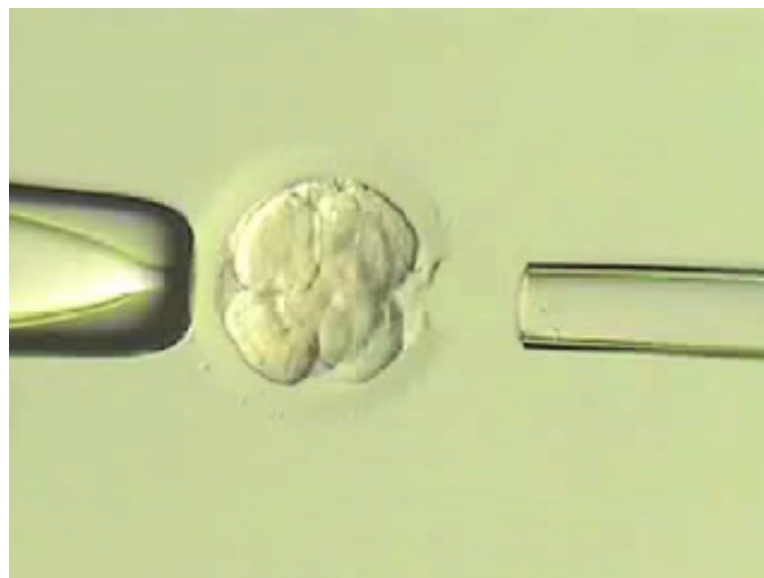
PGD
Pre-
Implantation
Genetic
Diagnosis



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

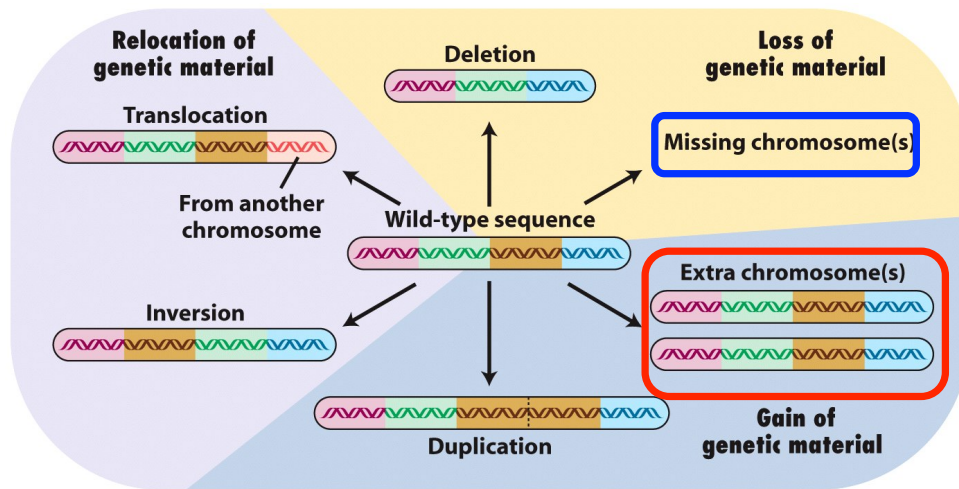
**Sex Determination
in 8-cell Embryo!**

Determining the Genetic Identity of a Human Embryo Before Implantation!



Prenatal Genetic Diagnosis (PGD)

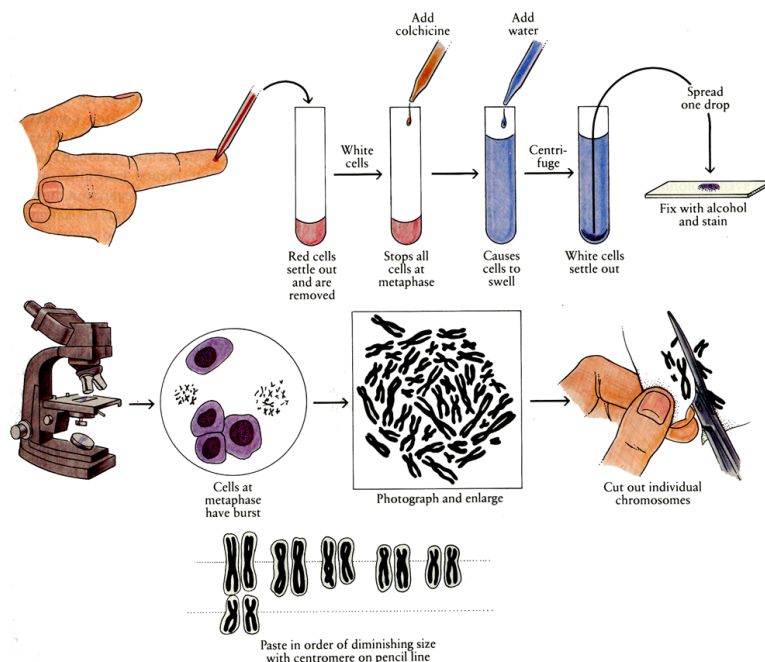
“Mutations” Can Also Occur By Large Chromosomal Changes



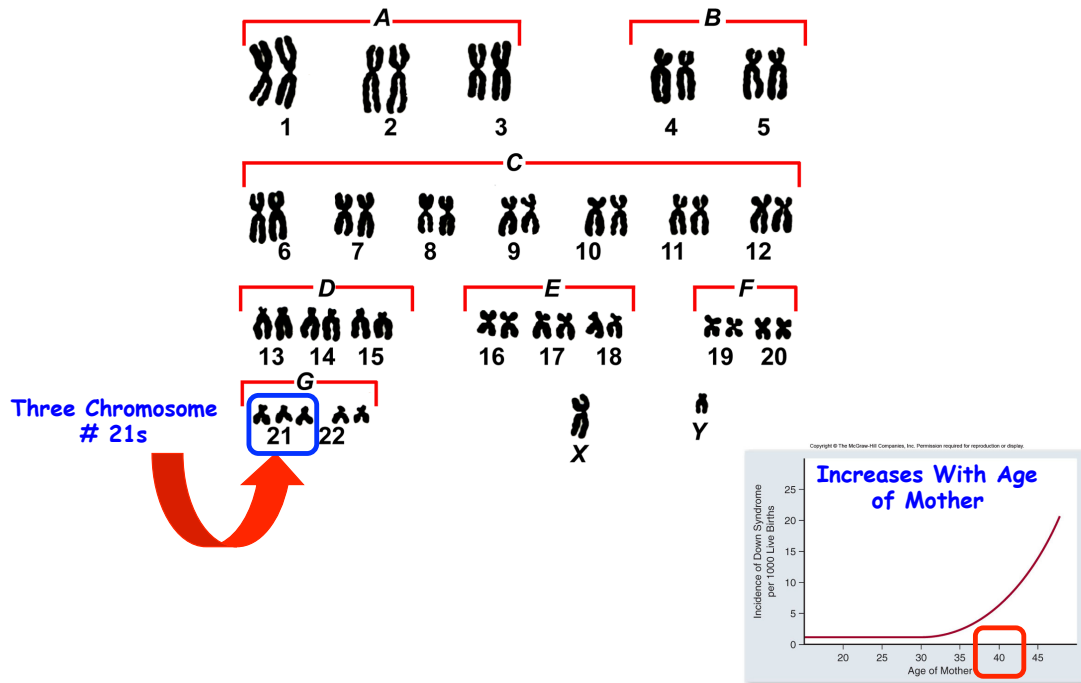
These changes affect many genes!

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

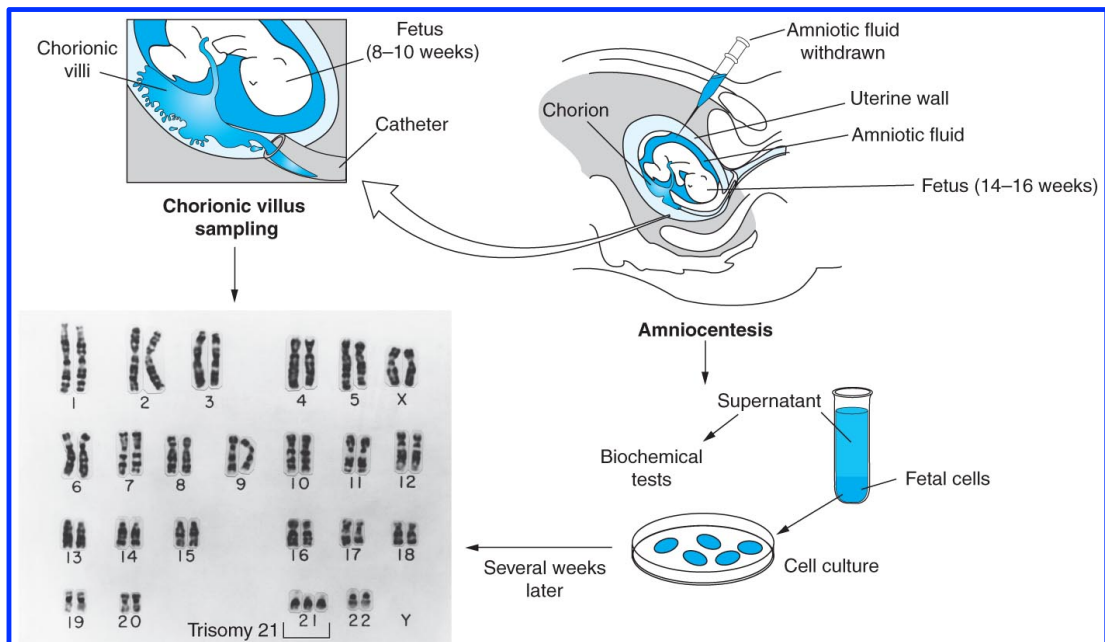
Karyotypes Can Be Used To Detect Changes in Chromosome Structure and Number



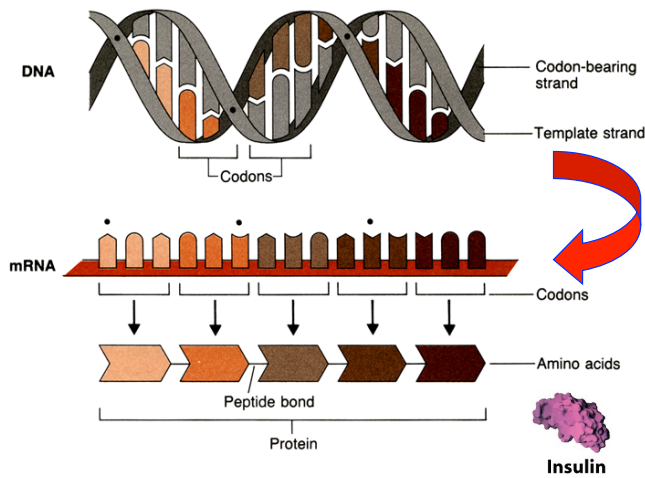
A Down's Syndrome Karyotype



Chromosome Testing Can Be Carried Out During Pregnancy or Before (New DNA Tests)



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

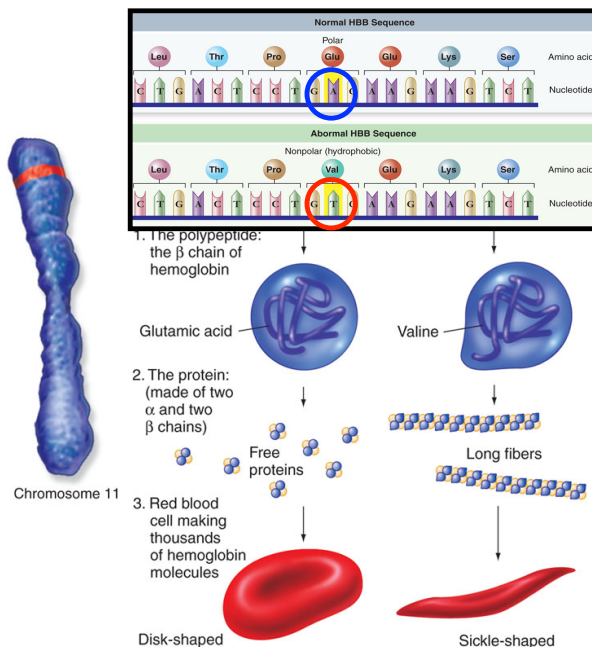
Genetic Code on mRNA Translated to Protein Sequence

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

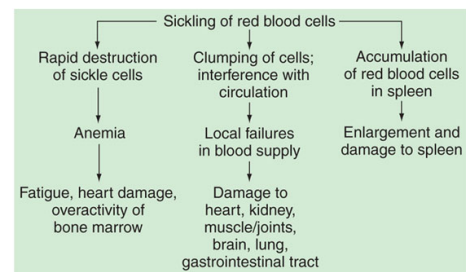
Know Sequence
Know Protein

Engineer New Protein

Human Genetic Disorders Occur As A Result of Mutations



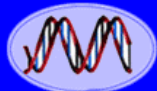
(b) Sickle-cell anemia is pleiotropic



(c) β -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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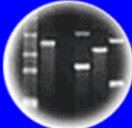
Sickle-Cell Anemia



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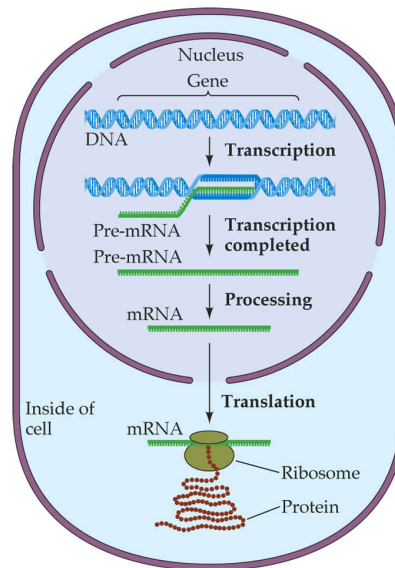


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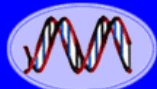
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An Elaborate Cellular Machinery Requiring Thousands Of Genes is Required To Produce Proteins Encoded By Specific Genes!!



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

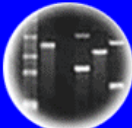
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Unique Proteins Have A Unique Composition & Order of Amino Acids & Have Unique Sizes, Shapes, & Functions

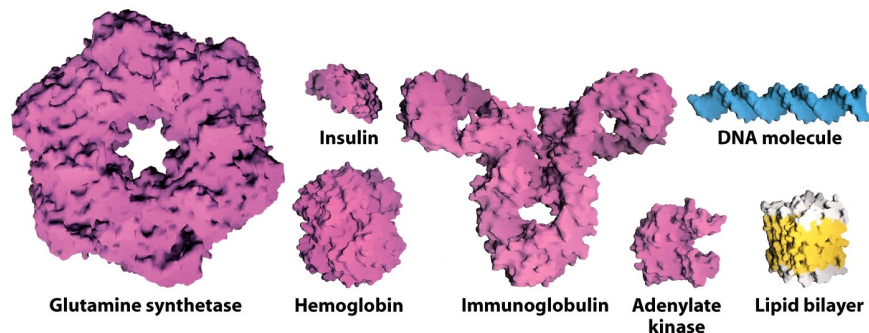
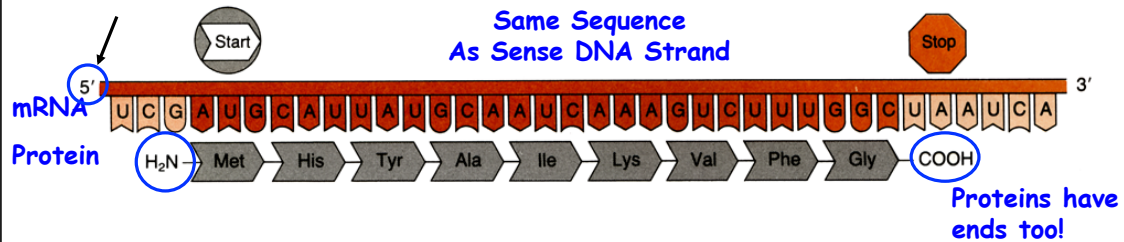


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Novel Cell Functions & Phenotypes

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

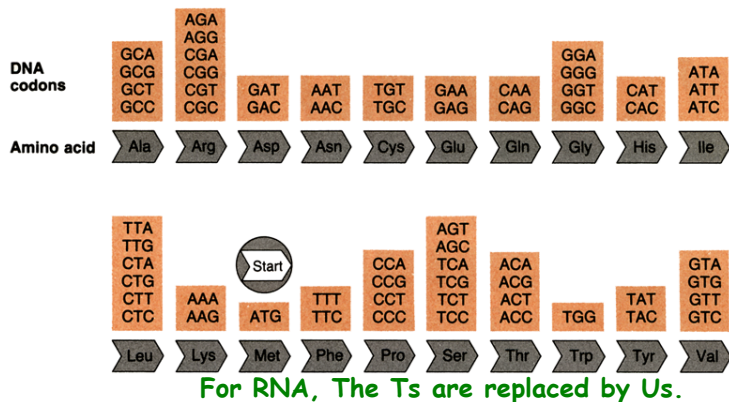


Note: Sequence in mRNA (= Sense Gene Strand) is translated 5' → 3' (= beginning of sense strand to end) & Protein made in N → C direction therefore order Nts in gene = order amino acid in protein!

The Genetic Code is Universal!



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!



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

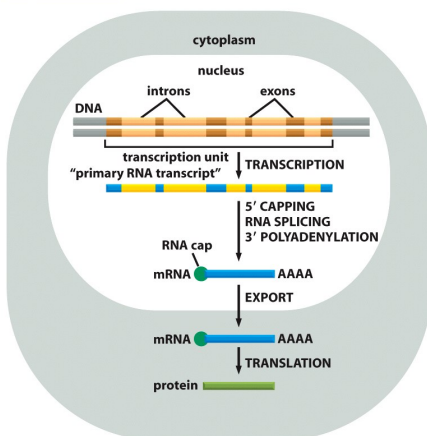
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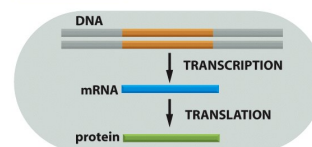
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Eukaryotic and Prokaryotic Gene Expression Processes Differ Slightly

(A)
EUCARYOTES



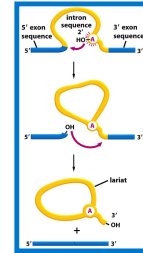
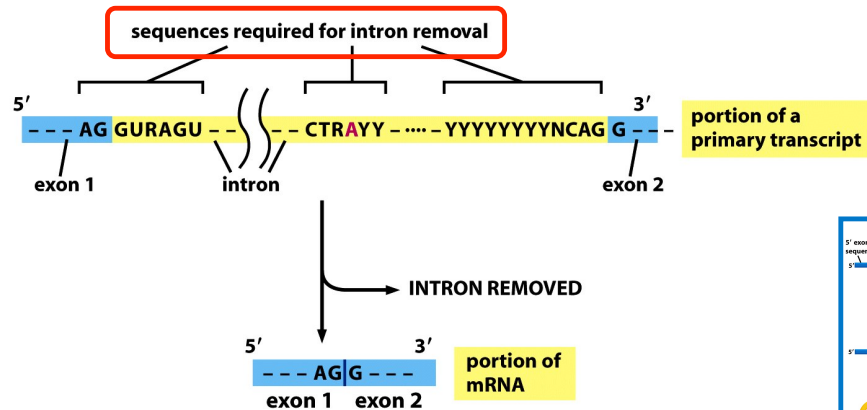
(B)
PROCARYOTES



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

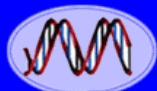
Eukaryotic Cells Must Remove Non-Coding Region of RNA Before Genetic Code Can Be Translated Continuously!
What Are the Implications For Genetic Engineering?

Yo! It's In The Sequences!



Specific Sequences Required For RNA Splicing!

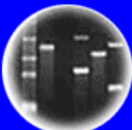
What Happens If These Sequences Are Mutated in a Gene?



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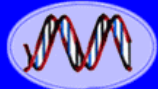
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Implications For "Yo - Its in The DNA!!"

Modular Organization of Sequences

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

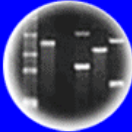
Modules → Anything You Want To Do Using Genetic Engineering!



DNA
Genetic Code of Life



Entire Genetic Code
of a Bacteria



DNA Fingerprinting



Cloning: Ethical Issues
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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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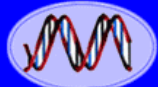
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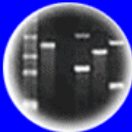
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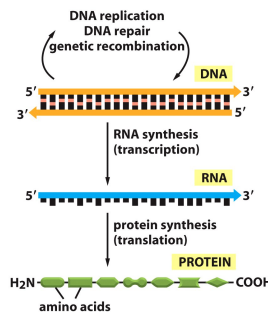


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How Do Genes Work & What are Genes in Context of...



Thinking About The Consequences of GMOs



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

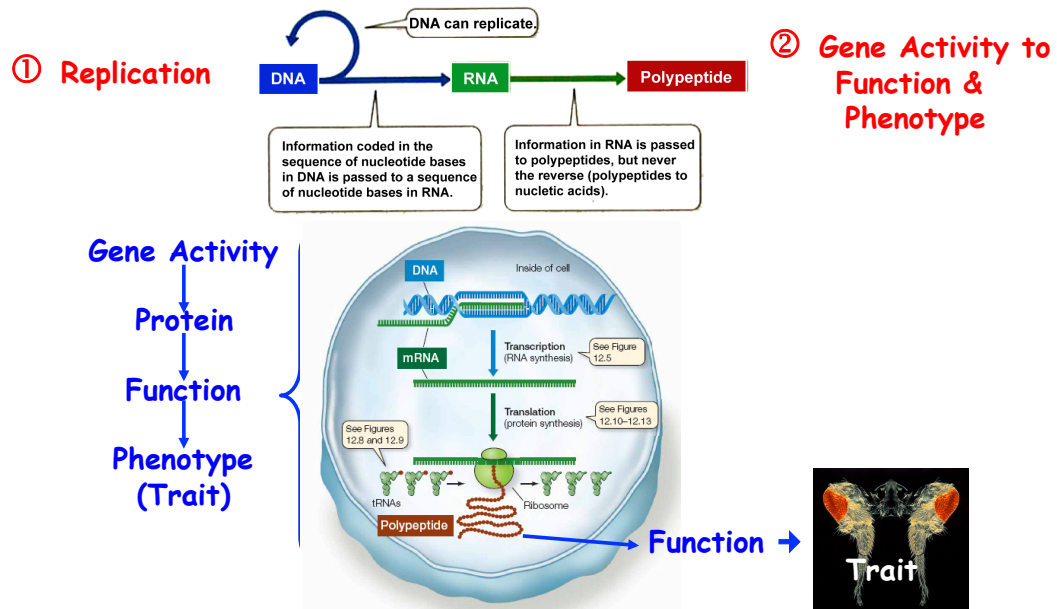
1. What is a Gene?
2. What is the Anatomy of a gene?
3. How Does the Gene Replicate?
4. How Does the Gene Direct Synthesis of a Protein?
5. Does the Gene Work Independently of other Genes?
6. What is the Sequence & Structure of the Protein?
7. How does it work in cell?
8. Does the Protein Structure imply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

"Behind" All Traits!

Same Processes!

**There's NO HOCUS POCUS
All Hypothesis Are Testable!!**

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



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