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Properties Of Genetic Material

1. Repository of genetic information

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- 2. Info must be accessible, allow cell to respond
- 3. Info must be in form transmissible to progeny
- 4. Physical and chemical stability
- 5. Potential for heritable change



Where is DNA found?

James Watson and **Francis Crick** discovered that chromosomes are made up of DNA and called it a double helix. These chromosomes are located in the nucleus!!







Genetic Information

Gene - basic unit of genetic formation. Genes determine the inherited characters.

Genome - the collection of genetic information.

Chromosomes – storage units of *genes*.

DNA - is a nucleic acid that ontains the genetic instructions specifying the biological levelopment of all cellular forms of life



Genotypes 🔶 Phenotypes

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At each locus (except for sex chromosomes) • there are 2 genes. These constitute the individual's *genotype* at the locus.

The expression of a genotype is termed a *phenotype*. For example, hair color, weight, or the presence or absence of a disease.



1866 **Gregor Mendel** published the results of his investigations of the inheritance of "factors" in pea plants.

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A HISTORY OF DNA

Discovery of the DNA double helix •

 Frederick Griffith – Discovers that a factor in diseased bacteria can ansform harmless bacteria into deadly (1928) bacteria



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Rosalind B. Franklin - X-ray photo of DNA. (1952)



Watson (U.S.A) and Crick (Britain)

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1953 article in Nature



Watson and Crick - described the DNA molecule from Franklin's X-ray. (1953) С.





C. Structure of DNA

James Watson & Francis Crick – American biologist & British physicist who built the first accurate structural model of DNA (Nobel Prize in 1962).

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-Watson & Crick's model of DNA was a double helix (twisted ladder), in which 2 strands were wound around each other.



Identifying the Substance of Genes

Griffith's Experiments

Lesson Overview

The disease-causing bacteria (S strain) grew – into smooth colonies on culture plates, whereas the harmless bacteria (R strain) produced colonies with rough





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When Griffith injected mice with disease- – causing bacteria, the mice developed pneumonia and died.

When he injected mice with harmless bacteria, the mice staved healthy.



















the five-carbon sugar found in RNA.





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Nucleotide



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The DNA backbone

Putting the DNA backbone together refer to the 3' and 5' – ends of the DNA the last trailing carbon •











Anti-parallel strands

Nucleotides in DNA backbone are bonded from phosphate to sugar between 3' & 5' carbons

- DNA molecule has "direction"
- complementary strand runs in opposite direction





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A+T/G+C = ConstantA+G/T+C = 1<u>DNA turn = 10 bp</u>

DNA turn length = 34 A^o

What is the gene

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A gene is a piece of DNA that codes for a protein.







DNA Replication DNA .- تضاعف ال







DNA Replication

Possible Models of DNA Replication

Semiconservative -1 Conservative -2 Dispersive -3



Possible Models of DNA Replication





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Replication of circular DNA in E. coli (3.10):

- Two replication forks result in a <u>theta-like</u> (θ) structure.
- 2. As strands separate, positive supercoils form elsewhere in the molecule.
- 3. <u>Topoisomerases</u> relieve tensions in the supercoils, allowing the DNA to continue to separate.



The replication of eukaryotic chromosomes. At the beginning of the S phase of the cell cycle, eukaryotic chromosome replication begins from multiple origins of replication. As the S phase continues, the replication forks move bidirectionally to replicate the DNA. By the end of the S phase, all the replication forks have merged. The net result is two sister chromatids that are attached to each other at the centromere.



Replication: steps

- Unwind DNA
 - <u>helicase</u> enzyme
 - unwinds part of DNA helix
 - stabilized by <u>single-stranded binding proteins</u>



Unwind DNA

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5'

3'

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5'

3- Primase: responsible for SYNTHESIS the RNA primer



4- DNA polymerase III DNA polymerase III is responsible for synthesizing DNA







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