

DNA NOTES: History, Structure, Replication

DNA History

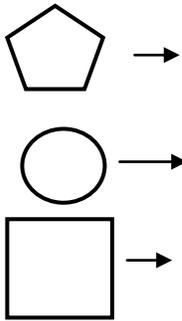
It took many years and the work of many different scientists to discover that _____ is the genetic material

Friedrich Meischer (_____)

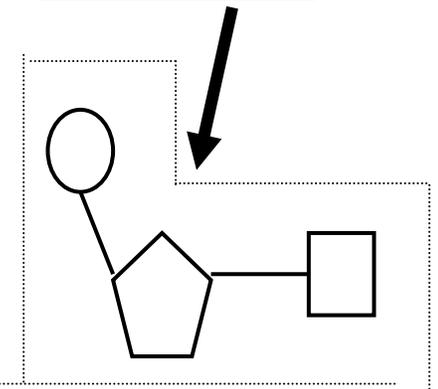
- As he studied _____ for clues to understand heredity, he was the first to isolate a material called _____ from the nucleus of the sperm.
- Chemical tests revealed that nuclein was part _____ and part _____
- Another clue that made him go “Hmmm” was when he later isolated nuclein from the nuclei of white blood cells in _____-soaked medical bandages.

P.A. Levene (_____)

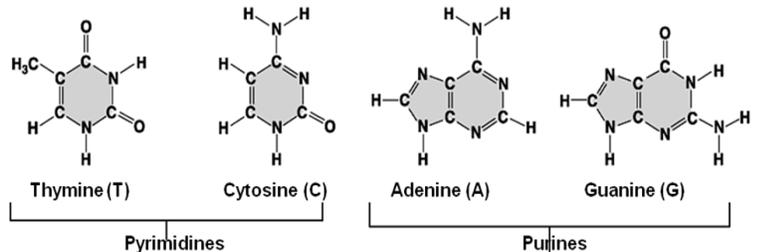
- Discovered that DNA is made from smaller ____-shaped “building blocks” called _____ that have ____ chemical parts:



- _____
- _____
- _____



- DNA has four kinds of N-bases: _____



Fred Griffith (_____)

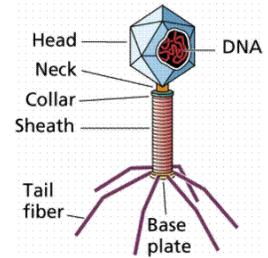
- While working on a cure for _____ with mice, he accidentally discovered the mystery of bacterial transformation

Griffith's 4-part experiments

- 1) live **pathogenic (smooth = S)** strain of *bacteria* = _____
- 2) live **non-pathogenic (rough = R)** strain of *bacteria* = _____
- 3) heat-killed **pathogenic (S)** *bacteria* = _____
- 4) mix heat-killed **pathogenic (S)** & living **(R)** *bacteria*= _____
- Explanation?** How could there be living _____ *bacteria*??
- 2 Hypotheses:**
 - 1) _____
 - Somehow the dead S bacteria came back to life ???
 - 2) _____
 - Some chemical factor in the dead S bacteria was able to communicate with and transform the non-harmful R bacteria into killer S bacteria
- Fred Griffith would spend many more years in his lab trying to identify this mysterious “_____”

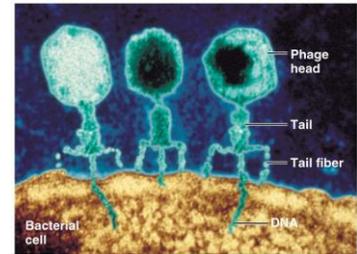
Avery, McCarty & MacLeod (_____)

- purified both DNA & proteins from *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria
 - which will _____ non-pathogenic bacteria?
- injected _____ into bacteria
 - _____
- injected _____ into bacteria
 - _____
- _____ is the “Transforming Factor”



Hershey & Chase (_____)

- classic “blender” experiment
- worked with _____ viruses that infect bacteria
- grew phage viruses in 2 media, radioactively labeled with either
 - ³⁵_____ in their proteins
 - ³²_____ in their DNA
- infected bacteria with labeled phages



Draw a diagram below to summarize the famous “blender” experiment

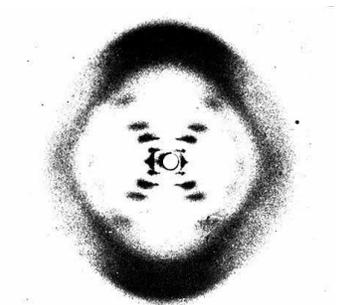
Blender experiment conclusions

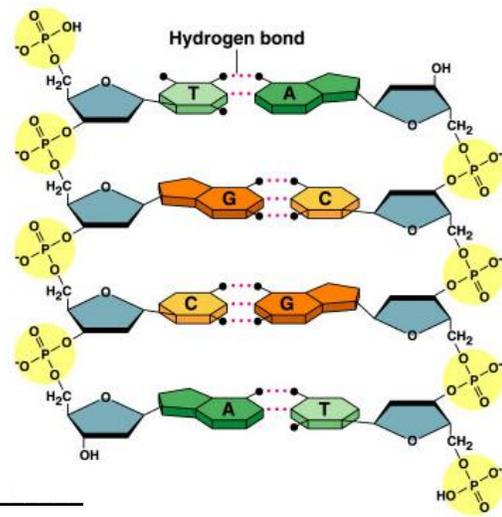
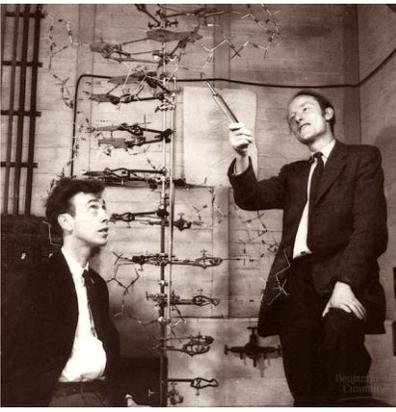
- Radioactive phage & bacteria in blender
 - ³⁵S phage = indicates protein
- radioactive proteins stayed in _____ therefore protein _____ enter bacteria
 - ³²P phage = indicates DNA
- radioactive DNA found in _____ therefore DNA _____ enter bacteria
- Confirmed _____ is “transforming factor”

Chargaff (_____) Chargaff’s big clue: Base Pair RATIOS in DNA A = _____ C = _____

Another clue: Franklin & Wilkins (_____)

- _____ pictures of DNA suggest that it consists of 2 chains twisted in a **helix**

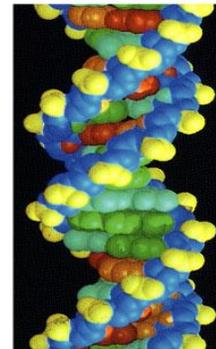
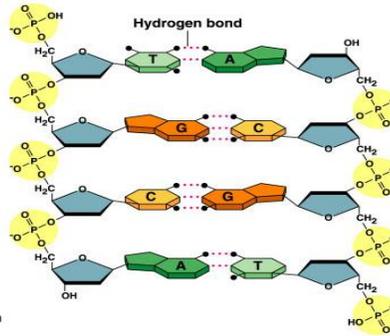
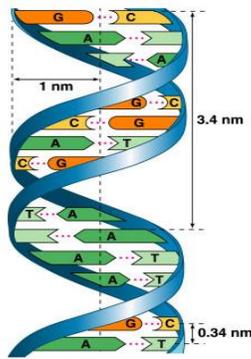
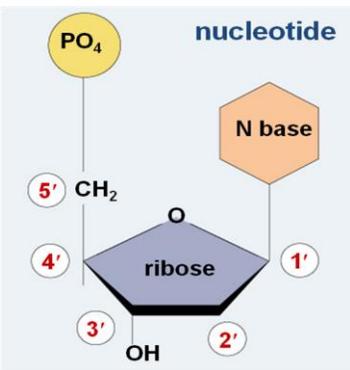




Watson and Crick (_____)

- Win the “race” to build the _____
- _____ Model = 2 DNA chains that spiral like a “twisted rope ladder”
- ladder sides formed by alternating 5-C sugars & phosphates = _____
- ladder rungs formed by nitrogen base pairs held together by _____ bonds
 - A – T (____ H bonds)
 - C – G (____ H bonds)

Double helix structure of DNA : the structure of DNA suggested a mechanism for _____ by the cell

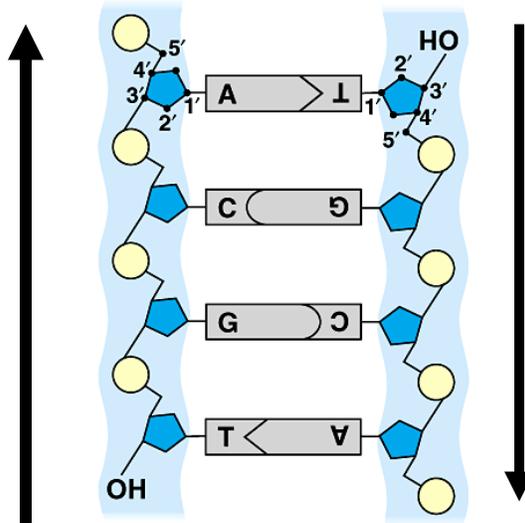


(a) Key features of DNA structure

(b) Partial chemical structure

(c) Space-filling model

- Each strand of the double helix is oriented in the opposite direction = _____



DNA REPLICATION

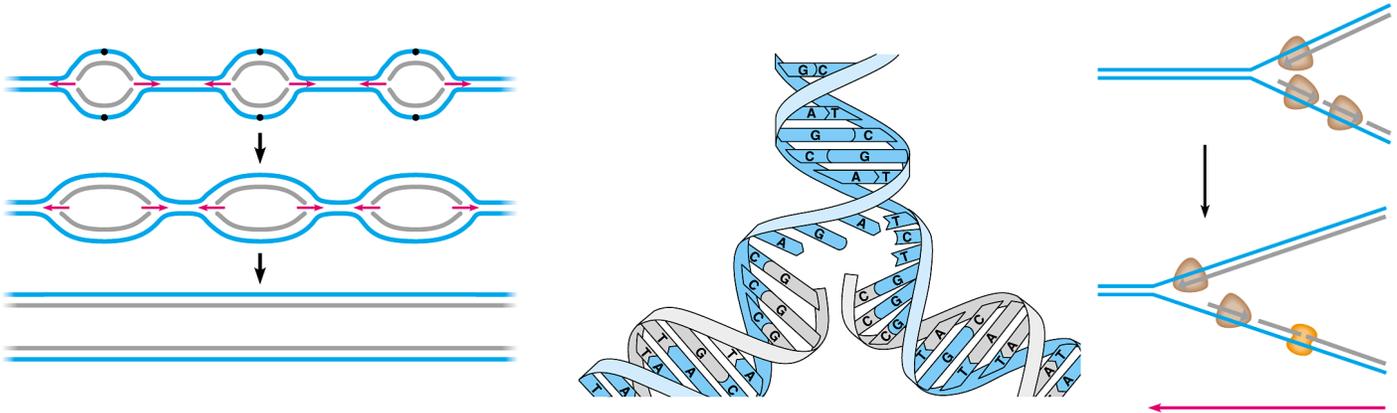
- WHAT ? → a process that produces two DNA molecules _____ to the original.
- WHY? → so when cells _____ they can give each daughter cell its own identical copy of the DNA blueprint
- WHEN? → right _____ cell division as new body cells are made:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____→Producing _____ or _____ (gametes)

• HOW?

- 1) DNA Helicase enzymes bind to the DNA at different locations and then _____ and _____ the 2 strands
 - 2) DNA Polymerase enzymes use each old strand as a _____ to assemble the new strand
 - 3) DNA Ligase enzymes _____ together DNA _____ until long, continuous strands are formed
- DNA replication is a semi-conservative process = 1 strand is _____ and 1 strand is _____

10.5 DNA replication: A closer look

- DNA replication begins at many different sites, so... the whole molecule can be copied _____



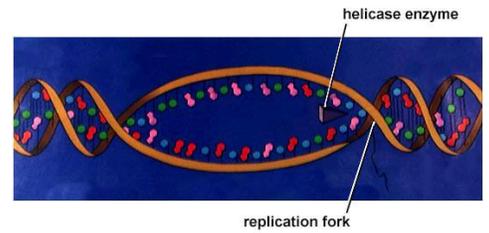
- Because DNA is Antiparallel and Polymerase only builds new DNA in _____ direction ($5' \rightarrow 3'$), this affects how DNA daughter strands are synthesized:
1 side _____ & 1 side in _____
- The fragments on one side are linked together by _____ enzymes

Replication Details:

Step 1: Open a Replication Bubble

- Helicase _____ & _____ the 2 strands
 - stabilized by _____

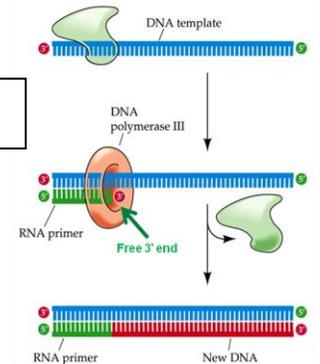
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Step 2: Priming DNA synthesis

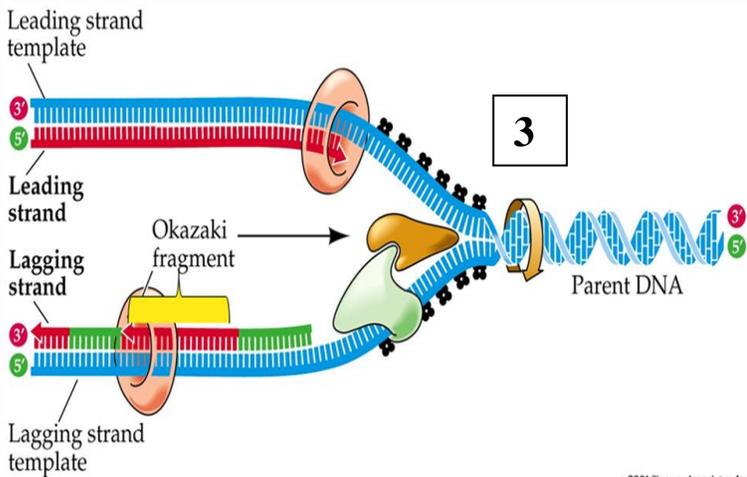
- DNA polymerase I can only attach a new DNA nucleotide on a _____
 - cannot start building a new DNA strand without a free 3' end
 - short _____ with a free 3' end is built first by _____

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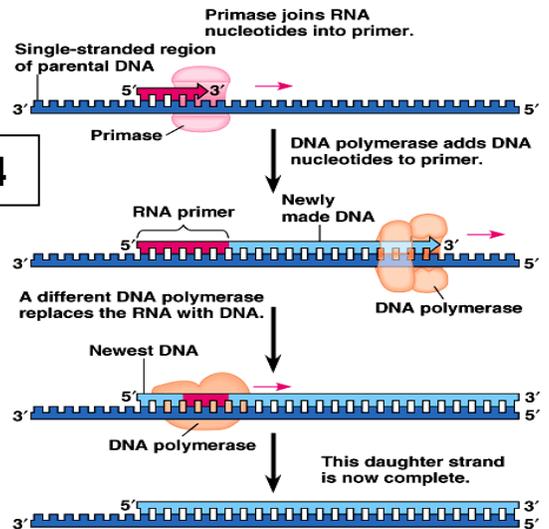
Step 3: Polymerase I builds Leading & Lagging strands

- Leading strand- _____ synthesis
- Lagging strand- _____ fragments- joined by _____



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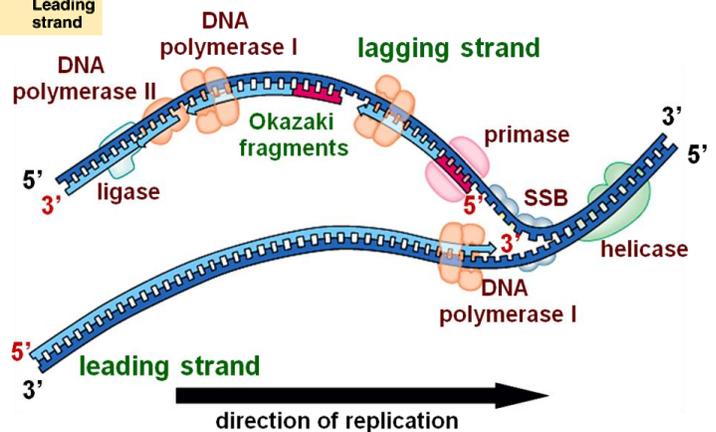
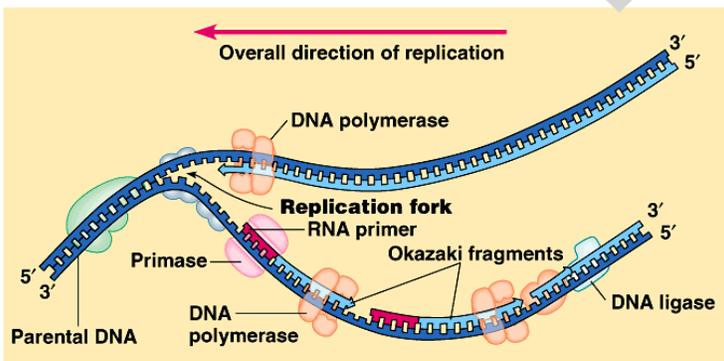
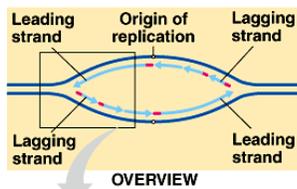


Step 4: Polymerase II cleans up primers

- DNA polymerase II removes sections of _____ primer and replaces with _____ nucleotides

Step 5: Ligase links all DNA fragments

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Replication Speed & Accuracy

- Because the DNA molecule is copied so _____ (~50 new letters per second in mammals), occasionally the _____ letters are paired together
 - Most of these mismatch errors are fixed by the Polymerase enzyme as it backs up and inserts the correct matching base.
 - However, 1 mistake or mismatch every 1 _____ letters does not get fixed and remains to be copied
- An army of **repair enzymes** constantly _____ the new DNA strands and _____ most (99.9%) mistakes.
- Any unfixed DNA mistake = _____

Replication enzymes

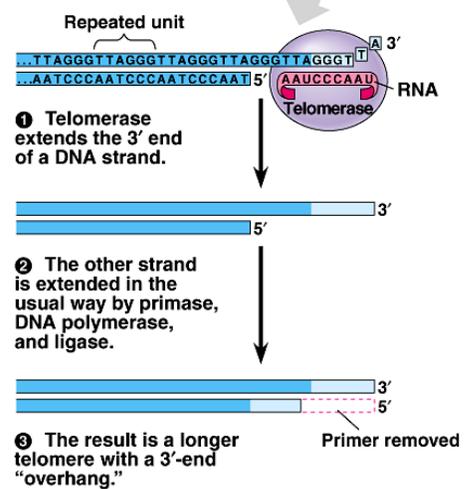
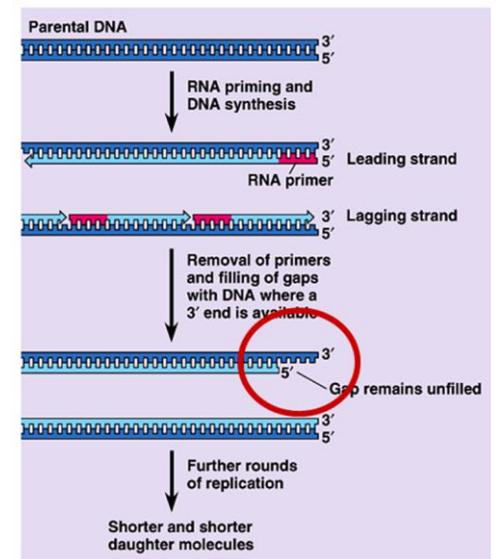
- helicase
- DNA polymerase I
- primase
- DNA polymerase II
- ligase
- Repair Enzymes

And in the end...

- Ends of chromosomes are _____ with each replication
 - an issue in aging?
 - ends of chromosomes are protected by _____

Telomeres

- Expendable, _____ sequences at ends of DNA
 - short sequence of bases repeated 1000s times
 - TTAGGG in humans
- _____ enzyme is active in certain cells
 - enzyme extends telomeres allowing for more cell divisions
 - prevalent in cancers
 - Why?



(b)