



MYP/3D Science Unit Planner

Marietta City Schools

Grade & Course: 9th/10th Grade

Biology

Topic: Molecular Genetics: DNA Replication, Protein Synthesis, and Biotechnology

Duration: 5 weeks

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Georgia Standards and Content:

SB2. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to analyze how genetic information is expressed in cells.

SB2a. Construct an explanation of how the structures of DNA and RNA lead to the expression of information within the cell via the processes of replication, transcription, and translation.

SB2b. Construct an argument based on evidence to support the claim that inheritable genetic variations may result from: new genetic combinations through meiosis (crossing over, nondisjunction); non-lethal errors occurring during replication (insertions, deletions, substitutions); and/or heritable mutations caused by environmental factors (radiation, chemicals, and viruses). **SB2c.** Ask questions to gather and communicate information about the use and ethical considerations of biotechnology in forensics, medicine, and agriculture. (Clarification statement: The element is intended to include advancements in technology relating to economics and society such as advancements may include Genetically Modified Organisms.)

Narrative / Background Information

Prior Student Knowledge: (REFLECTION – PRIOR TO TEACHING THE UNIT)

S7L3. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to explain how organisms reproduce either sexually or asexually and transfer genetic information to determine the traits of their offspring.

- a. Construct an explanation supported with scientific evidence of the role of genes and chromosomes in the process of inheriting a specific trait.
- b. Develop and use a model to describe how asexual reproduction can result in offspring with identical genetic information while sexual reproduction results in genetic variation. (Clarification statement: Models could include, but are not limited to, the use of monohybrid Punnett squares to demonstrate the heritability of genes and the resulting genetic variation, identification of heterozygous and homozygous, and comparison of genotype vs. phenotype.)
- c. Ask questions to gather and synthesize information about the ways humans influence the inheritance of desired traits in organisms through selective breeding. (Clarification statement: The element specifically addresses artificial selection and the ways in which it is fundamentally different from natural selection.)

Year-Long Anchoring Phenomena: (LEARNING PROCESS)

Sickle cell is a heritable genetic mutation that evolved in response to interactions in ecosystems.

Unit Phenomena (LEARNING PROCESS)

Malaria and sickle cell anemia - sickle cell disease is a genetic mutation that may be reversed by gene therapy.

MYP Inquiry Statement:

Your identity and relationships with other people are determined by genetic factors: scientific evidence has led to models that help to understand observed patterns of inheritance.

MYP Global Context:

Scientific and Technical Innovation: The Biological Revolution

Approaches to Learning Skills: ***

Communication Skills Collaboration Skills Research Skills

Disciplinary Core Ideas: (KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS)

- DNA Structure & Function
- DNA Replication
- DNA Mutations (insertions, deletions, substitutions)
- Heritable mutations (caused by environmental factors)
- Protein Synthesis (transcription and translation)
- Advancements in biotechnology and their impact on economics and society (i.e. GMOs).
- Ethical, societal, and economical considerations of biotechnology and genetic engineering.

Crosscutting Concepts: *** (KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS)

Cause & Effect Structure and Function System and system models

MYP Key and Related Concepts: **

Key Concept - Cause & Effect

Related Concepts Structure and Function System and system models Sciences - Form and Models

GADOE Achievement Level Descriptors for Biology

Disciplinary Core Content: molecular genetics

Focus Science & Engineering Practices: developing and using models; constructing explanations

Focus Crosscutting Concepts: structure and function

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SB2b: Construct an argument based on evidence to support the claim that inheritable genetic variations may result from: non-lethal errors occurring during replication (insertions, deletions, substitutions); and/or heritable mutations caused by environmental factors (radiation, chemicals, and viruses).

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The beginning learner can	The developing learner can	The proficient learner can	The distinguished learner can
recognize the role of cellular reproduction in maintaining genetic continuity; identify features in the	recognize models used to explain the role of cellular reproduction in maintaining genetic continuity;	develop and use models to explain the role of cellular reproduction (i.e., binary fission and mitosis) in maintaining genetic	refine models to explain the role of cellular reproduction in maintaining genetic continuity;
structures of DNA;	recognize that the structures of DNA and RNA lead to the	continuity;	refine an explanation of how the structures of DNA and
identify considerations related to the use of biotechnology in forensics, medicine, and agriculture	expression of information within the cell via the processes of replication, transcription, and translation;	construct an explanation of how the structures of DNA and RNA lead to the expression of information within the cell via the	RNA lead to the expression of information within the cell via the processes of replication, transcription, and translation;
	gather and communicate information about the use and ethical considerations of biotechnology in forensics, medicine, and agriculture;	processes of replication, transcription, and translation ask questions to gather and communicate information	refine questions used to gather and communicate information about the use and ethical considerations of biotechnology in forensics,

about the use and ethical considerations of biotechnology in forensics, medicine, and agriculture; As a **proficient learner**, I As a developing learner, I can... identify the structure of compare and contrast, use mathematics and

As a **beginning learner**, I

- **DNA** and RNA
- identify the function of **DNA** and RNA
- state the rules of base pairing for DNA
- identify the semiconservative nature of DNA replication
- recognize that the process of protein synthesis involves transcription of DNA and translation of mRNA to an amino acid sequence
- recognize that genetic variations may result from non-lethal errors occurring during replication
- define and recognize examples of insertions, deletions, and substitutions
- recognize that genetic variations may result from heritable mutations caused by environmental factors (radiation, chemicals, and viruses)
- identify or recognize basic ways that biotechnology is used in forensics, medicine, and agriculture

- using existing models, how the structure of DNA and RNA are different
- differentiate between the function of DNA and the function of RNA (overview)
- explain, using existing models, how the structure of DNA and RNA lead to the expression of information within the cell via the processes of replication, transcription, and translation
- select an argument that could be used to support the claim that inheritable genetic variations may result from: non-lethal errors occurring during replication (insertions, deletions, substitutions);
- select an argument that could be used to support the claim that inheritable genetic variations may result from heritable mutations caused by environmental factors (radiation, chemicals, and viruses).
- gather information for myself and communicate about the use and ethical considerations of biotechnology in forensics, medicine, and agriculture;

- computational thinking to examine the structure of DNA using the rules of base pairing;
- construct an explanation of how the structure DNA leads to the expression of information within the cell via replication
- construct an explanation of how the structure of DNA leads to the expression of information within the cell via transcription and translation
- construct an explanation of how the structure of RNA leads to the expression of information within the cell via transcription and translation
- construct an argument based on evidence that could be used to support the claim that inheritable genetic variations may result from: non-lethal errors occurring during replication (insertions, deletions, substitutions);
- construct an argument based on evidence that could be used to support the claim that inheritable genetic variations may result from heritable mutations caused by environmental factors (radiation, chemicals, and viruses).
- apply learning and academic vocabulary to indicate my understanding of how the structure of DNA/RNA supports its

As a distinguished learner, I

medicine, and agriculture;

- refine my own explanations of how the structures of DNA and RNA lead to the expression of information within the cell via the processes of replication, transcription, and translation.
- refine my own arguments, based on evidence, that could be used to support the claim that inheritable genetic variations may result from: non-lethal errors occurring during replication (insertions, deletions, substitutions);
- refine my own arguments, based on evidence, that could be used to support the claim that inheritable genetic variations may result from heritable mutations caused by environmental factors (radiation, chemicals, and viruses).
- extend learning and academic vocabulary to obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to analyze how genetic information is expressed in cells.
- refine my own questions about the use and ethical considerations of biotechnology in forensics, medicine, and agriculture;

function in maintaining
genetic continuity

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The intent of standard SB1b is for students to develop and use models to investigate mitosis and the purpose of cell division in cellular growth and repair. The *details* of the sub processes of the cell cycle and mitosis are beyond the scope of the HS Biology course. Calculations for SA to V ratio (if used to illustrate a need for cellular division) should be limited to square cell models to meet the intent of the HS Biology standard.

For standard SB2a, historical scientific discoveries related to DNA and the scientists responsible are outside the scope of the course. The details of the specific enzymes involved in replication, transcription, and translation are beyond the scope of the HS Biology course. The detailed processes of transcription and translation in protein synthesis is limited to a conceptual understanding.

Student Friendly Learning Targets

- 1. I can describe the general structure of DNA: double helix, base pairs, sugar/phosphate backbone, nitrogenous bases, hydrogen bonds, twisted.
- 2. I can state the base pairing rules for DNA (Chargaff's Rule).
- 3. I can explain the basic steps involved in DNA replication (exact copy, uses multiple enzymes, strands unwind and unzip, bonds break between base pairs, each half used a template for new identical strand, attachment of free nucleotides).
- 4. I can state why DNA replication is referred to as "semi-conservative".
- 5. I can communicate that genetic information, expressed by the transcription and translation of a gene, results in a protein.
- 6. I can define a chromosome as a long DNA molecule consisting of hundreds of genes that code for proteins.
- 7. I can explain how the structure of DNA allows it to store genetic information, direct the production of proteins, and pass the data to new cells (base pairing, order of nucleotides, weak bonding between bases, supercoiled when not replicating, relaxed when replicating).
- 8. I can communicate that the central dogma of genetics explains the conversion of DNA (cellular instructions) into a functioning product (protein), and that genetic information flows from the genetic code of DNA, to RNA, to functional proteins expressed as traits.
- 9. I can explain that DNA carries information to produce proteins in a triplet code (codon), and that each sequence of three nucleotides either codes for a particular amino acid or the sequence's beginning or end.
- 10. I can support the claim that the unique arrangement of nucleotides on a gene leads to differences in organisms.
- 11. I can explain why DNA does not leave the nucleus, but RNA can.
- 12. I can describe the differences between the structure and function of DNA compared to RNA.
- 13. I can state the function of mRNA, rRNA, and tRNA in protein synthesis.
- 14. I can explain the basic steps of how transcription transcribes the genetic code of DNA into a segment of RNA.
- 15. I can explain the basic steps of explaining how translation converts the information of MRNA into a sequence of amino acids to make a protein.
- 16. I can transcribe and translate a gene into an amino acid sequence.
- 17. I can explain that there is redundancy in the codon table (that there are multiple codons that code for each amino acid).
- 18. I can explain how a change in the nucleotide sequence of a DNA molecule can become a genetic mutation.
- 19. I can explain that exposure to agents such as ultraviolet light, radiation, substances in tobacco products, and other chemical compounds can cause mutations.
- 20. I can explain that spontaneous mutations during DNA replication can cause mutations.
- 21. I can state the difference between a gene mutation and a chromosomal mutation.
- 22. I can describe substitution mutations, insertion mutations, and deletion mutations, and explain how the outcome of the mutation depends on the changes it causes to the protein created.
- 23. I can provide evidence to support the claim that not all mutations are bad, and that some produce advantageous new phenotypes.
- 24. I can define the term biotechnology, and state simple examples of how it is used in forensics, medicine, and agriculture.
- 25. I can define the term genetic engineering, and state simple examples of how it is used in agriculture.
- 26. I can provide a basic definition of each of the following techniques used to manipulate DNA: restriction enzymes, PCR, gel electrophoresis, DNA fingerprinting, bacterial plasmids, and cloning.

27. I can ask my own questions to gather information about the ethical use of biotechnology and genetic engineering in forensics, medicine and agriculture, including societal, economical, and environmental benefits and risks.

Possible Preconceptions/Misconceptions: (REFLECTION - PRIOR TO TEACHING THE UNIT)

All organisms have the same number of chromosomes; DNA is different than chromosomes; mutations in somatic cells are passed along to future generations; mutations are not random; all mutations are negative; nucleus is the "brain" of the cell, but students don't have a true understanding of why; proteins are just the nutrients found in meats- not aware of the true function and variety of proteins found in organisms; structure of proteins are the same; cancer is caused by environmental factors only; all mutations are harmful; DNA can leave the nucleus; GMOs have negative effects on our health

Key Vocabulary: (KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS)

- Amino Acid
- Artificial Selection
- Base Pair Rule
- Biotechnology
- Carcinogen
- Central Dogma
- Codon
- Chromosomal Mutation
- Chromosome
- Clone
- Crossing Over
- Deletion Mutation
- DNA
- RNA
- rRNA
- Recombinant DNA
- Replication

- DNA Fingerprinting
- Double Helix
- Ethics
- Gamete
- Gel Electrophoresis
- Gene Mutation
- Gene Therapy
- Genetic Engineering
- Genetic Variation
- Genetically Modified Organism
- Homologous Chromosomes
- Ribosome
- Selective Breeding
- Transcription
- Transgenic Organism

- Insertion Mutation
- Inversion Mutation
- Karyotype
- Meiosis
- Mitosis
- mRNA
- Mutagen
- Nitrogenous Base
- Nondisjunction
- Point Mutation
- Polypeptide
- Protein
- · Protein Synthesis
 - Translation
 - Trisomy
 - tRNA

Inquiry Questions:

Factual:

What is DNA?

What are the roles of organelles involved in protein synthesis?

What are the phases of mitosis and what are their functions?

Which types of cells undergo mitosis?

What are the three parts of a nucleotide?

What are the similarities and differences between DNA and RNA?

What is the central dogma of biology?

What are the functions of the processes of transcription and translation?

Which molecules are involved in both transcription and translation?

Where do the processes of transcription and translation take place in the cell?

What are the different types of genetic mutations and what effect do these mutations have on organisms?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of sexual and asexual reproduction?

Conceptual:

What does the structure of DNA reveal about its function?

What does the structure of RNA reveal about its function?

How are DNA and RNA utilized in the process of transcription?

How are mRNA, rRNA, and tRNA utilized in the process of translation?

Why do cells perform mitosis?

How are protein synthesis and mutations related?

How is the function of a protein affected if the shape of the protein is changed (due to a mutation)?

Why do cells undergo the cell cycle, and what are the functions of each phase and subphase?

How do cells undergo the process of mitosis, and how do the daughter cells relate to the parent cells?

How does mitosis maintain genetic continuity?

Why is DNA replication referred to as "semiconservative"?

How is the structure of DNA and RNA different?

How do the ethical implications of different types of DNA technology influence society?

Debatable:

To what extent should humans manipulate human reproduction and genetic characteristics? Should GMOs be used in foods for human or livestock consumption?

MYP Objectives	Summative assessment	
Sciences Design	 Common Assessments: Common formative assessment on DNA Structure and Replication / Protein Synthesis Common summative assessment on Molecular Genetics MYP Essay Prompt 	Relationship between summative assessment task(s) and statement of inquiry: The CFAs help to monitor and determine student progress as we move through the unit. This data informs the teacher of which students to accelerate, and which to remediate prior to the unit summative. The summative assessments serve to test students' mastery of the learning targets at the proficient and distinguished level of the Achievement Level Descriptors for Biology.

Unit Objectives: Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to analyze how genetic information is expressed in cells.

Learning Activities and Experiences	Obtain:	Evaluate:	Communicate:
Week 1: Topic 1: DNA Replication • purpose of DNA replication • steps of DNA replication	Common Openers & Closers for Unit 5: Molecular Genetics Molecular Genetics PPT 1: DNA Replication (Honors) Molecular Genetics PPT (On-Level)	DNA Modeling Error Analysis DNA Replication Practice Modeling DNA Schoology Lab DNA Extraction Lab DNA Extraction Lab V2 Bioman DNA Replication Interactive HHMI Biointeractive: DNA Missions	Unit 5 Study Guide
Week 2/3: Topic 2: Protein Synthesis central dogma of genetics purpose of protein synthesis transcription translation	Molecular Genetics PPT 2: Protein Synthesis (Honors) Transcription & Translation Notes (On-Level)	Protein Synthesis Race How Genes Work Exploration - Protein Synthesis Simulation - Transcribe & Translate a Gene Simulation - HHMI Biointeractive: DNA Missions	Common Formative Assessment (Topics 1 & 2)

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		Snork Amino Acid Activity Codon Bingo and Codon Bingo Student Worksheet	
Week 3/4: Topic 2: DNA Mutations • types of DNA mutations • causes of DNA mutations • connection between DNA mutations and evolution	Molecular Genetics PPT 2: Protein Synthesis (Honors continued)	DNA Mutations Consequences Lab The Genetics of Sickle Cell Anemia Mutations Practice Mutations Practice Worksheet	Genetics 3D Model
Week 4/5: Topic 4: Biotechnology use and ethical considerations of biotechnology in forensics, medicine, and agriculture Assess & Remediate	Molecular Genetics PPT 2: Protein Synthesis (Honors continued) Biotechnology Nearpod - Student Paced Lesson Genetic Engineering Nearpod - Student Paced Lesson	Biotech Ethics Scenarios with Biotech Ethics Work Tasks	Common Summative Assessment MYP Essay MYP D - Biotechnology CK12 Unit Remediation
- Common Summative Assessment & Unit Remediation	nk to model lessons and/or resource		

Resources (hyperlink to model lessons and/or resources):

All resources are available on schoology.

Reflection: Considering the planning, process and impact of the inquiry

Prior to teaching the unit	During teaching	After teaching the unit