6.3 - DNA & Proteins Unit, Packet 3

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Driving Question: What is DNA and how does it work? How does DNA affect protein assembly?

Anchoring Phenomenon: Throughout this unit, we have explored what DNA is made from, and how its structure determines its function. We have also explored how transcription & translation produce proteins within a cell. We will now put all the pieces together to develop sophisticated explanations for the phenomena we have encountered in this unit.

Deeper Questions

- 1. What determines the traits of an organism?
- 2. How are traits inherited from parents?
- 3. Can we predict traits?

Part 1: Introduction

Summative Check-in Questions

Part 2: Core Ideas

- **Evaluating Sample Responses**
- Writing a "Level 3" Response

Part 3: Life Connections

- Mammoth Cloning
- Part 4: Review Game
 - Jeopardy Review Game

Part 5: Final Review

Final O&A

NGSS Standards (PEs & CCCs are summarized below. SEPs are noted throughout the packet). HS-LS1-2. Organization of interacting systems in multicellular organisms. HS-LS1-6. How carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules. HS-LS1-5. How photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy. HS-LS1-7. Cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby food molecules and oxygen molecules form new compounds resulting in a net transfer of energy.



Semester Schedule

5. Traits & Genes

Period/Hour:

5.1: What determines the traits of an organism? 5.2: How are traits inherited from parents? 5.3: Can we predict traits? 5.4: Unit Assessment

6. DNA & Proteins

6.1: What is DNA and how does it work? 6.2: How does DNA affect protein assembly? 6.3: Unit Assessment 6.4: How are genes modified? (mini-unit)

7. Mutations & Change 7.1: How does a protein get its shape & function? 7.2: How do mutations change genes & proteins? 7.3: How can mutations create new traits & species? 7.4: Unit Assessment 7.5: How Does Antibiotic Resistance Occur?

8. Biodiversity

8.1: How does biodiversity affect ecosystems? Why is biodiversity being lost?

These materials were partly developed with assistance from artificial intelligence.

Resource Links: Class Website; Part 1 Check-in Form; Jeopardy Review; Unit Summary; Practice Test; Unit Objectives:

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Part 1: Introduction – Check-in Questions (6.3.1)

Overview: Show your readiness and demonstrate your understanding from this unit by completing this form.

Part 2: Critiquing Responses (6.3.2)

Directions: For each of the following, provide a brief written justification for why you think they earned a 1 (*still learning*), 2 (*acceptable*), or 3 (*sophisticated*). See below for a summary of each criteria for grading.

- 3 2 1 <u>Complete</u>: Do they fully address the entire question and explain all changes to matter & energy?
- 3 2 1 <u>Accurate</u>: Is every aspect of the written response factually correct?
- 3 2 1 <u>Precise</u>: Are they effectively using terms from the course in a clear and specific manner?

Q: How does DNA determine the observable traits of living organisms?

Oscar: DNA has genes in it. The cell forms chromosomes in the cell and then divides using helicase.

Overall Score: <u>/3</u> Comments: _____

Nina: *DNA* has an order for its bases. This provides the instructions for a protein and the order in which the amino acids are assembled.

Overall Score: /3 Comments:

Bristol: DNA stores information. It has sugars and bases. The order of sugars and bases determines the traits.

Overall Score: <u>/3</u> Comments: _____

Chandra: DNA is made from phosphate, sugar, and base molecules. Phosphate and sugar provide structure; base molecules (A, C, G, T) store information. The order of codons (3 bases) in DNA determines the order of amino acids in a protein, which determines the shape and function of the protein, which determines the trait.

Overall Score: <u>/3</u> Comments: ______

Part 3: Life Connections - Mammoth Cloning (6.3.3)

Directions: Using your prior knowledge, you'll consider how blood types work in humans.

Background: A new company, backed by \$15 million in funding, aims to bring back woolly mammoths using DNA recovered from frozen specimens. The company plans to use gene-editing technology to splice mammoth DNA into that of an Asian elephant. This would create a hybrid species that has DNA from both (a "mammophant") that would look and act like a mammoth. This process could potentially revive the extinct species and contribute to combating climate change.



1. If elephants and mammoths share 99% of the same DNA, how does adding mammoth DNA to an elephant create mammoth-like traits? Explain how DNA codes for proteins.

2. How can genes from one species work in another species' cells? Discuss transcription & translation.

3. Do you think this is a good idea? Is it ethical to revive a species that went extinct thousands of years ago? Create evidence-based arguments for both sides of this debate. (Article & Image source: NPR)



Part 4: Jeopardy Review (6.3.4)

Directions: In this activity, you'll play a <u>Jeopardy-style game</u> to review course concepts. Rules are in the presentation. You can also use this for test preparation. Your instructor may use an alternative option like Gimkit or Kahoot.

Game URL: DNA & Proteins Jeopardy

Part 5: Final Q&A (6.3.5)

Directions: For each objective, rank it as a 1 (*cannot understand or explain*), 2 (*understand but can't explain*), or 3 (*can understand & fully explain*). Review any content that is still unfamiliar and ask questions as needed. Pay special attention to items that are **bold**.

- *1.* How are traits used to classify different species from each other? How do these traits relate to cells, DNA, and proteins?
- 2. What is the primary purpose of DNA? How does DNA enable a cell to function?
- 3. What three molecules are found in DNA? What is the purpose of each molecule?
- 4. What is a *nucleotide*? How does it relate to DNA and what DNA is made from?
- 5. How are the molecules in DNA similar to the components of a spiral notebook?
- 6. What are *complementary base pairs*? What are examples of complementary base pairs?
- 7. Explain two reasons why nucleotide bases always combine in specific ways.
- 8. What are *codons*? How do codons in DNA provide instructions for making a protein?
- 9. What determines the start and end of a gene?
- *10.* What is the function and purpose of *helicase* and *DNA polymerase*?
- 11. How do complementary base pairs, helicase, and DNA polymerase each enable DNA to be duplicated?
- *12.* What provides a sense of direction within DNA as it is being copied? Explain.

13. What is RNA? What is the purpose of RNA?

- 14. How is RNA similar & different from DNA?
- 15. RNA and DNA are similar macromolecules Why does a cell need both RNA and DNA?
- 16. Summarize what occurs during transcription.
- 17. Summarize the purpose of each of these for transcription: *mRNA*, *RNA polymerase*.
- 18. Create the complementary mRNA sequence for this DNA sequence: 3' TAC-GCT-ATG 5'
- 19. Summarize what occurs during translation.
- 20. Summarize the purpose of each during translation: *ribosomes*, *tRNA*, *amino acids*.
- 21. Explain transcription & translation using a simple analogy or a metaphor.
- 22. What would happen if the following became dysfunctional? *RNA polymerase; ribosomes.*
- 23. How does tRNA deliver amino acids in the correct order to build a specific protein?
- 24. Some antibiotics deactivate RNA polymerase in bacteria. How does this prevent infections?
- 25. What would happen if a regular codon was changed into a stop codon by a mutation?