Reproduction *Cell Division:*

The Cell Cycle

OUTCOME QUESTION(S): S1-1-13:

How are the terms DNA, chromosome, genes and trait connected?

Vocabulary & ConceptsChromosomesDNATraitHeredityCell Cycle

Genes



- The nucleus of <u>every cell</u> contains a set of **chromosomes.**
- Made of **DNA** shaped as twisted "*double helix*" DNA is an acronym – **D**eoxyribo**N**ucleic Acid

All of your **genetic information** is coded in the **DNA** – *like pages of the book "How to build YOU"*

• Gene – section of DNA that codes for a specific trait – hair colour, height, eye colour...

A single gene codes for a single trait

 Trait – a specific feature or characteristic that varies between individuals



In human cells, a complete "set" means <u>46</u> chromosomes arranged in *23 pairs*:

The set of chromosomes contains the information of 30,000 genes used to build a human



There are 2 types of sex chromosomes – "**X**" and "**Y**"





Heredity – the *passing* on of genetic traits from individual to offspring. _____ childrych

• Individuals carry **two versions of every gene** (1 from mother-1 from father)

This is why the chromosomes can be **paired up**



A complete picture of your **genome** – is called a **Karyotype**





Similar books have unique versions of information Genes are the chapters

Modern Cell Theory can be summarized as:

- 1. The cell is the basic unit of life.
- 2. All living things are made of one or more cells.
- 3. All cells come from pre-existing cells.



Human skin cells



One-cell organism: *amoeba*

Tree leaf cells



One-cell bacteria: *E. coli*





Why Do Cells Divide?

1. Growth

- Increase in the number of cells

2. Healing and Repair

- Replace damaged cells

3. Reproduction

- Pass on genetic information

You replace about 25 million old cells every second





The "life of a cell" consists of a sequence of steps called the **Cell Cycle**:



Cell cycle has two parts: **1. Interphase** - Growth and preparation **2. Division phase** - Cell division

End Result:

Identical cells that re-enter interphase *begin the process again*.

Despite this graphic, remember: interphase (preparation) takes the longest

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