### Mendelian Genetics

# **Evolutionary Timeline**



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# Gregor <u>Mendel</u> (1822-1884)

- Studied <u>peas</u>
- · → Laws for <u>inheritance of</u> <u>Traits</u>



Described offspring from 28,000 pea crosses

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# Mendel's Pea Plant Experiments

# **Selective Breeding**

• Humans control the mating or breeding of plants and animals  $\rightarrow$  desired traits



### Selective Breeding =



# List Pros and Cons of selective breeding

# Why peas, Pisum sativum?



#### lots of offspring = lots of data

#### Pea flowers have male and female parts

#### •Pollen contains sperm –Produced by the <u>stamen</u>

•Flowers contain eggs –Produced in an <u>ovary</u>



# <u>Self-pollinate $\rightarrow$ pure bred plants</u>



# <u>Cross-pollinate</u> $\rightarrow$ <u>hybrids</u>



#### Mendel Described Particulate Inheritance = <u>Traits are inherited</u> as "particles" from parents



#### Now we call Mendel's "particles" genes



#### <u>Genes = pieces of DNA on chromosomes</u>

# Cells of sexually reproducing organisms

- Body cells have <u>2</u> copies of gene
- Why?
- <u>One copy from each parent</u>
- Gametes = <u>Eggs and Sperm</u>
- How many copies of each gene do gametes have
- Gametes = only 1 copy of each trait
- Why?
- <u>Meiosis</u> → <u>gametes</u> with ½ number of <u>chromosomes</u>

# Draw and label a chromosome with lots of genes then answer questions 1-3



# **Genetics Vocabulary**

#### Traits –

- characteristics determined by genes
- Hereditary molecule
  - <u>=DNA</u>

#### Genes =

- pieces of DNA → traits
- Found on chromosomes

# **Dominant Genes / alleles**

#### • Only need one copy $\rightarrow$ trait (ex: brown eyes



## **Recessive Genes / Alleles**

- <u>need 2 copies  $\rightarrow$  trait</u>
- <u>ex: blue eyes (ee)</u>



# Genotypes

Describes the genes inherited
Homozygous = (BB or bb)
Heterozygous = (Bb)

# Phenotype

#### Describes a physical characteristic

#### Ex: brown or blue



# Mendel studied 7 different traits



#### How Mendel Began Mendel produced pure strains by self-pollinating several generations



# Genotype & Phenotype in Flowers All genes occur in pairs =2 copies (<u>one from each parent</u>)

# Flower color Genotypes

R



# Which genotype is dominant

R

#### **Genotype & Phenotype in Flowers**

### Flower color Phenotypes R=Red r=white



Which phenotype is dominant Red

# Questions

- List the possible genotypes
  - RR Rr rr
- List the possible phenotypes for each genotype
  - Red red white
- Which genotypes are homozygous
  - RR rr

# Pure bred plants = homozygous

- What is the genotype for a plant that is homozygous dominant?
- RR
- What is the genotype for a plant that is homozygous recessive?
- rr

# Mendel's (P<sub>1</sub>) Pure bred Cross

- Trait = Seed Shape
- Alleles = R Round and r Wrinkled
- Cross:



Homozygous round x Homozygous wrinkled
<u>RR x</u> <u>rr</u>

# Predict what the offspring will look like and what their genotype will be

# Punnett Square

• Used to determine the probability of inheriting a trait



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- $\underline{RR}$  **x**  $\underline{rr}$



#### **Offspring**

**Genotypes:** 

100% Rr

**Phenotypes:** 

100% Round

# Mendel's F1 heterozygous cross

- Cut stamens to prevent self-pollination
- Cross pollinate offspring of the P1 cross



# **F**<sub>1</sub> Monohybrid Cross

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- Trait: Seed Shape
- Genes: R Round r Wrinkled

Rr

Cross: Heterozygous x Heterozygous



<u>Offspring</u>

Rr

Genotypes: RR, Rr, rr

Genotype Ratio: 1:2:1

25% : 50% : 25%

Phenotypes: Round & wrinkled

Phenotype Ratio: 3:1

75% : 25%

# Mendel's Experimental Results

#### Table 11.2 Ratios of Dominant to Recessive in Mendel's Plants

Dominant trait	Recessive trait	Ratio of dominant to recessive in F <sub>2</sub> generation
Smooth seed	Wrinkled seed	2.96:1 (5,474 smooth, 1,850 wrinkled)
Yellow seed	Green seed	3.01:1 (6,022 yellow, 2,001 green)
Inflated pod	Wrinkled pod	2.95:1 (882 inflated, 299 wrinkled)
Green pod	Yellow pod	2.82:1 (428 green, 152 yellow)
Purple flower	White flower	3.14:1 (705 purple, 224 white)
Flower on stem	Flower at tip	3.14:1 (651 along stem, 207 at tip)
Tall stem	Dwarf stem	2.84:1 (787 tall plants, 277 dwarfs)
	Average ratio, all traits:	3:1

# Mendel's hybrid cross results

- Expected is 3 round :1 wrinkled
- Mendel observed ratio  $\rightarrow$  2.96:1
- The discrepancy is due to statistical error
- The larger the sample size the closer you get to expected ratio

# Remember

More times you repeat an experiment → more accurate results

# **Following the Generations**



Cross 2ResultsCross 2 HybridsPurein allgetPlantsHybrids3:1 (tall:Short)TT x ttTt1TT, 2Tt, 1tt

# Genes and Environment Determine Characteristics



#### Remember: the <u>environment controls gene expression</u>

# Open notes quiz

# Mendel's Laws

# 1) Law of Dominance



# Pure bred cross experiments → law of dominance



# 2) Law of Segregation

a) <u>Meiosis</u>  $\rightarrow$  gametes with one copy of <u>each gene</u>

b) Genes are "<u>recombined</u>" at fertilization,
 → Offspring = <u>2copies of each</u>

### **Applying the Law of Segregation**



# 3) Law of Independent Assortment

- Different traits are sorted out independently →
- every gamete is different



# Exceptions to Mendel's laws

#### Some traits = controlled by multiple genes Ex: <u>eye color</u>





# Incomplete dominance

- Neither trait is dominant
- Ex: Red flowers + white flowers  $\rightarrow$



# <u>Codominance</u>

- Both traits get expressed
- Ex: <u>AB blood types</u>



# Do the codominance problems in notes

• Father (homozygous B) X Mother (heterozygous A)



# Do 2 practice problems in notes

# Sex Linked traits

- Answer video questions in notes
- Meal worm body cells =  $\underline{20}$
- Meal worm egg cells =  $\underline{10}$
- Meal worm sperm cells =  $\underline{10}$
- Difference =
- <u>males have one small chromosome</u>

- <u>Sex linked traits</u> = traits (genes) found on sex chromosomes
- Sex chromosomes are X and Y
- Females have <u>XX</u>
- Males have <u>XY</u>

# Example: White eye color in fruit



XX chromosome - female

Xy chromosome - male

- Males only get 1 copy of the gene
- Females get 2

# Sex-linked recessive traits

- More common in <u>boys</u>
- Because they only need to inherit one

# REMEMBER

- GENES are on CHROMOSOMES
- X and Y are different types of sex chromosomes

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Ishihara Color Blindness Test Plate 2 Ishihara Color Blindness Test Plate 5



Ishihara Color Blindness Test Plate 3 Ishihara Color Blindness Test Plate 6



# **Sex-linked Trait Problem**

#### Example: color blindness in humans is sex-linked



XX chromosome - female

XY chromosome - male

# **Sex-linked Trait Problem**

- Example: color blindness
  - **R** = normal color vision
  - **r** = color blind
- normal male x color blind female X<sup>R</sup>Y x X<sup>r</sup>X<sup>r</sup>



# **Sex-linked Trait Solution:**



Normal vision father → <u>all</u> <u>daughters =</u> <u>normal vision</u>

Color blind mother → <u>all</u> <u>sons colorblind</u>

# **Pedigree Charts**

- Diagrams to follow traits through generations.
- For recessive traits carriers have one copy of the trait but are not affected



# **Female Carriers**



Answer animation questions in notes

# Practice questions in notes