

# **Lesson Overview**

10.2 The Process of Cell Division

# THINK ABOUT IT

What role does cell division play in your life?

Does cell division stop when you are finished growing?

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- Chromosomes make it possible to separate DNA precisely during cell division.

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The genetic information that is passed on from one generation of cells to the next is carried by **chromosomes.** 

Every cell must copy its genetic information before cell division begins.

Each daughter cell gets its own copy of that genetic information.

Cells of every organism have a specific number of chromosomes.

## **Prokaryotic Chromosomes**

Prokaryotic cells lack nuclei. Instead, their DNA molecules are found in the cytoplasm.

Most prokaryotes contain a single, circular DNA molecule, or **chromosome**, that contains most of the cell's genetic information.



## **Eukaryotic Chromosomes**

In eukaryotic cells, chromosomes are located in the nucleus, and are made up of **chromatin**.



Chromatin is composed of DNA and histone proteins.



DNA coils around histone proteins to form nucleosomes.



The nucleosomes interact with one another to form coils and supercoils that make up chromosomes.



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## **The Prokaryotic Cell Cycle**

The prokaryotic **cell cycle** is a regular pattern of growth, DNA replication, and cell division.

Most prokaryotic cells begin to replicate, or copy, their DNA once they have grown to a certain size.

When DNA replication is complete, the cells divide through a process known as binary fission.

# **The Prokaryotic Cell Cycle**

Binary fission is a form of asexual reproduction during which two genetically identical cells are produced.

For example, bacteria reproduce by binary fission.



# **The Eukaryotic Cell Cycle**

The eukaryotic cell cycle consists of four phases: G1, S, G2, and M.

Interphase is the time between cell divisions. It is a period of growth that consists of the G1, S, and G2 phases. The M phase is the period of cell division.



# **G**<sub>1</sub> Phase: Cell Growth

In the  $G_1$  phase, cells increase in size and synthesize new proteins and organelles.



# **S Phase: DNA Replication**

In the S (or synthesis) phase, new DNA is synthesized when the chromosomes are replicated.



# **G**<sub>2</sub> Phase: Preparing for Cell Division

In the G<sub>2</sub> phase, many of the organelles and molecules required for cell division are produced.



# **M Phase: Cell Division**

In eukaryotes, cell division occurs in two stages: mitosis and cytokinesis.

**Mitosis** is the division of the cell nucleus.

**Cytokinesis** is the division of the cytoplasm.



## **Mitosis**

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- During anaphase, the chromosomes separate and move along spindle fibers to opposite ends of the cell.

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- During telophase, the chromosomes, which were distinct and condensed, begin to spread out into a tangle of chromatin.

# Important Cell Structures Involved in Mitosis

Chromatid – each strand of a duplicated chromosome

**Centromere** – the area where each pair of chromatids is joined

**Centrioles** – tiny structures located in the cytoplasm of animal cells that help organize the spindle

**Spindle** – a fanlike microtubule structure that helps separate the chromatids

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- Cytokinesis completes the process of cell division it splits one cell into two.

# Cytokinesis

Cytokinesis is the division of the cytoplasm.

The process of cytokinesis is different in animal and plant cells.

## **Cytokinesis in Animal Cells**

The cell membrane is drawn in until the cytoplasm is pinched into two equal parts.

Each part contains its own nucleus and organelles.

# **Cytokinesis in Plant Cells**

In plants, the cell membrane is not flexible enough to draw inward because of the rigid cell wall.

Instead, a cell plate forms between the divided nuclei that develops into cell membranes.

A cell wall then forms in between the two new membranes.

# The Stages of the Cell Cycle

