

# Molecular Cell Biology A

“From nucleic acids to chromosomes to genomes”

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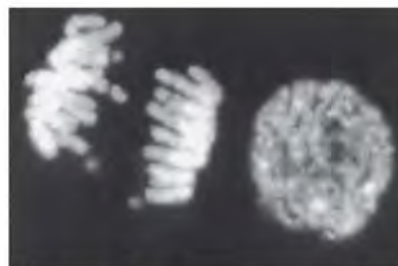
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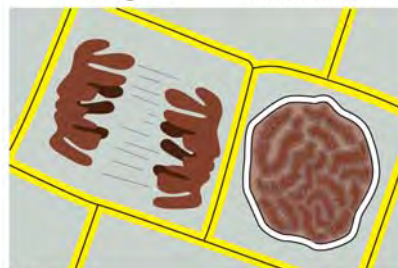
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(A) **dividing cell**      **nondividing cell**



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## Genetic info stored in an organism's DNA comprises its genome.

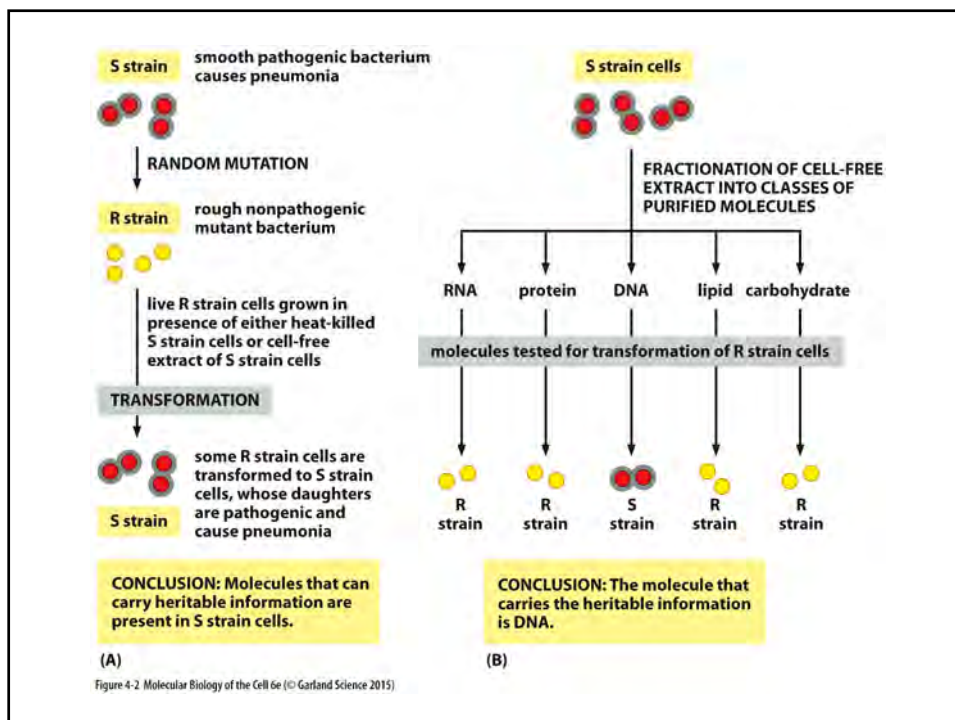
- DNA first found to be genetic 'stuff' in bacteria
- H-bonds between bases – 2 strands together
- Sugar-phosphate backbone 5'phos -> 3'OH
- Inside: 2-ring purine with 1-ring pyrimidine
- Efficient packing: double helix 1 turn every 10b
- Antiparallel strands; key to make replication simple is complementary base pairing
- One strand as template for replicating another
- Nuclear envelope supported by nuclear lamina, inner nucleus continuous with lumen of ER

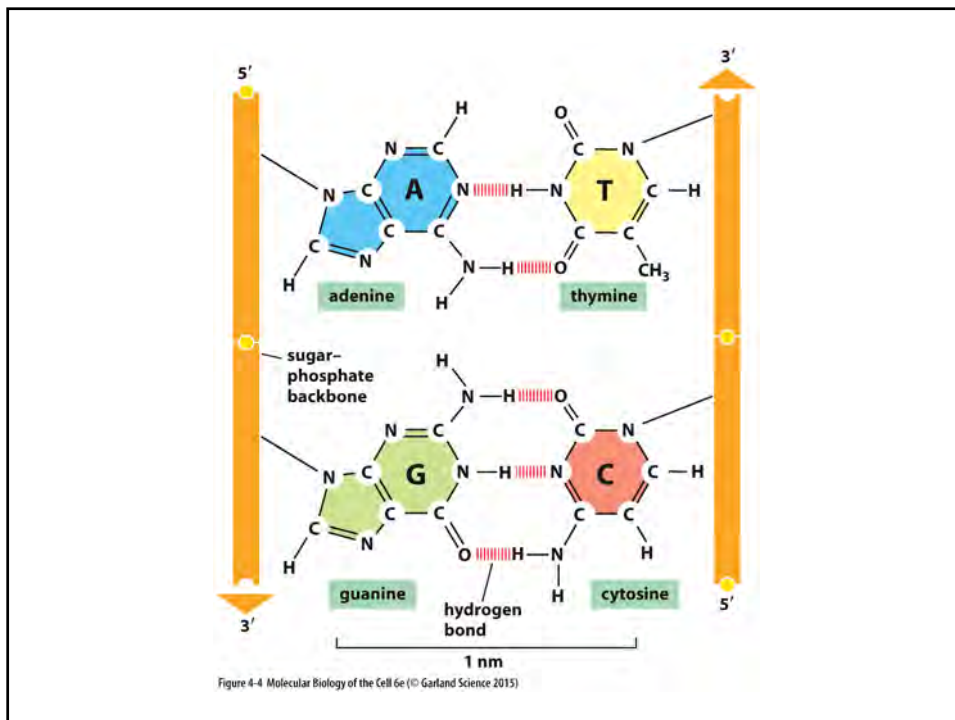
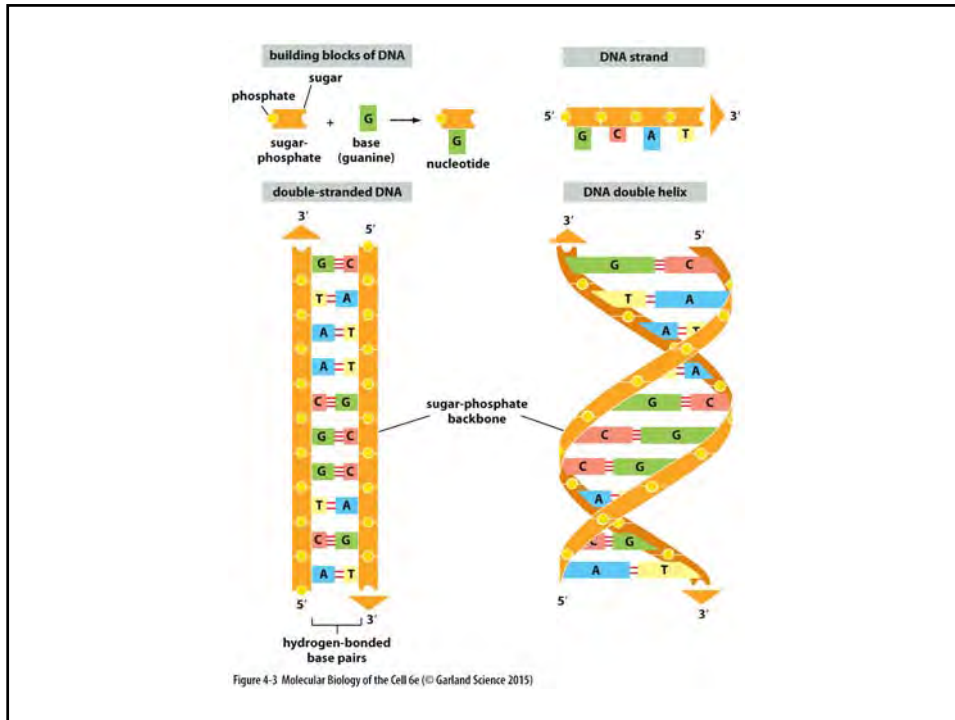
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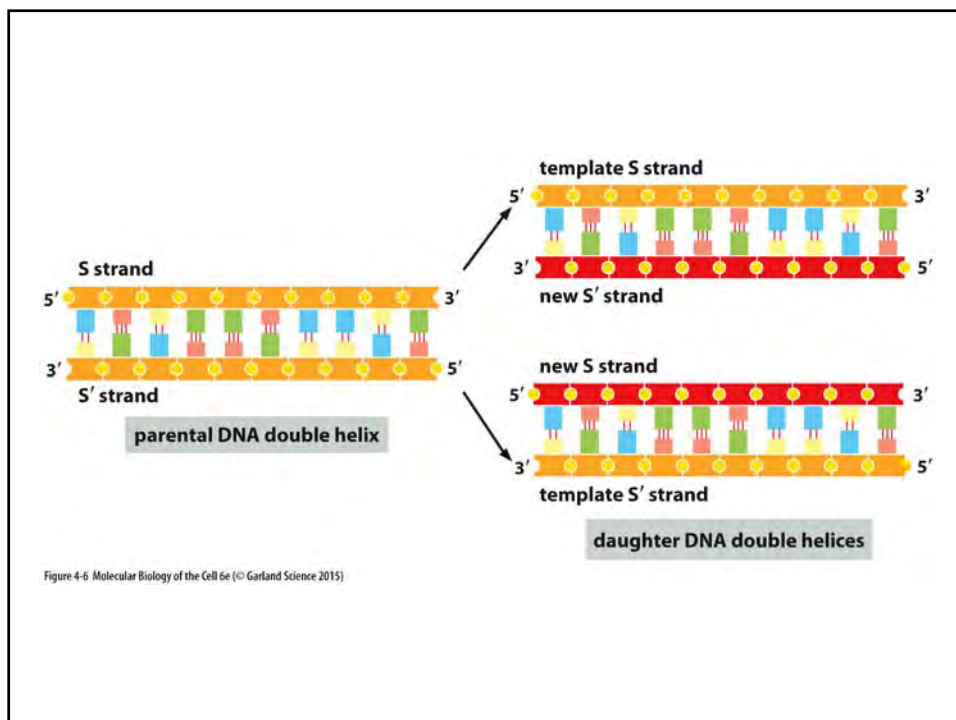
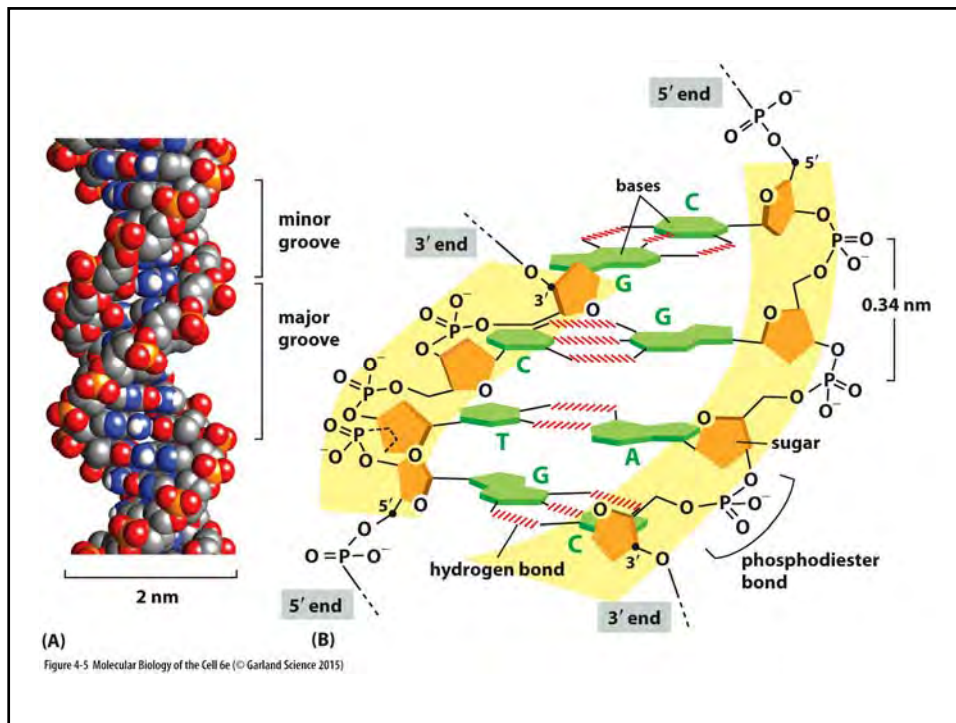
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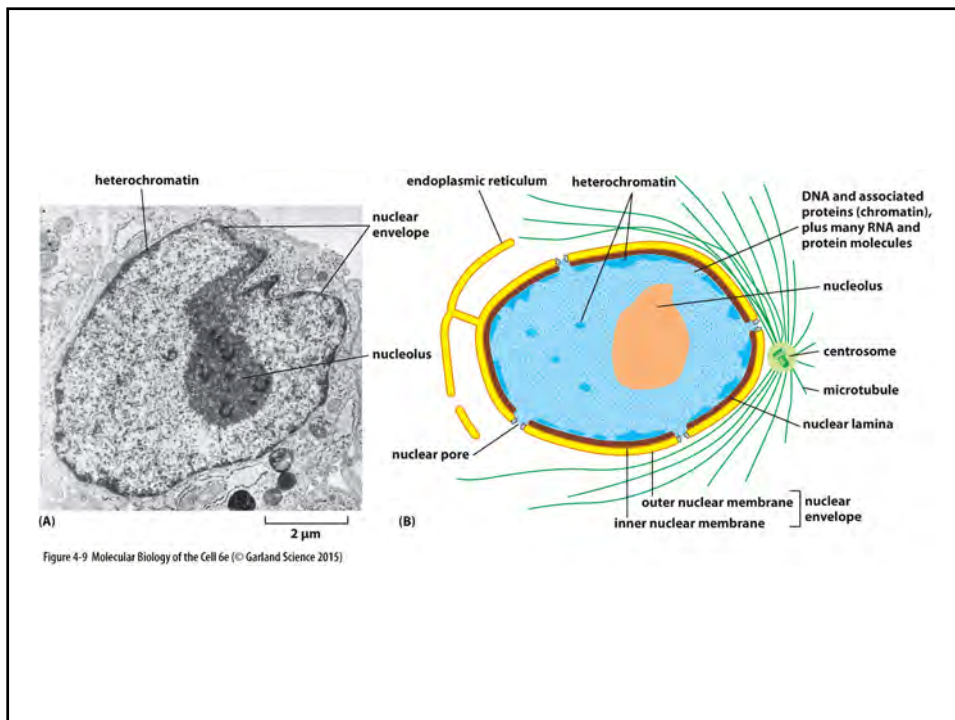
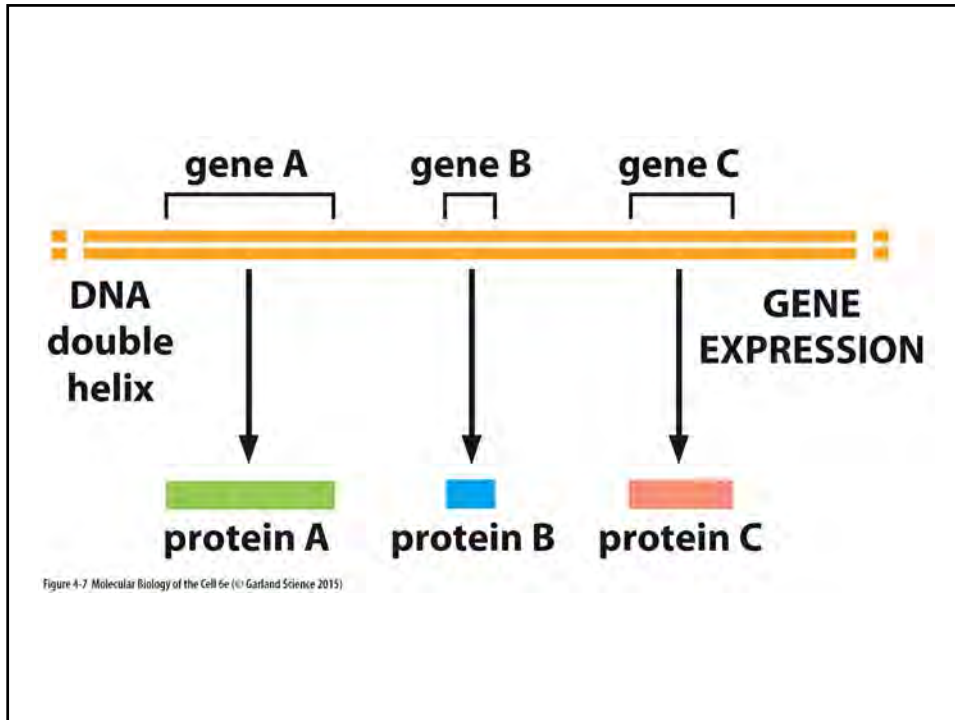
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## DNA and accessory proteins are organized into chromosomes.

- 2m of DNA 6µm diam nucleus, tight accessible
- Human 46 chroms, chromatin = DNA + protein
- Mom and dad homolog copies, X + Y + 22 pairs
- Hybridization of probe at mitosis for 'painting'
- Karyotype: full chrom set at mitosis for diagnosis, each of pair stain the same way
- Junk DNA and number of chroms vary
- Mostly inserted transposons and noncoding segments in genes introns; highly disordered

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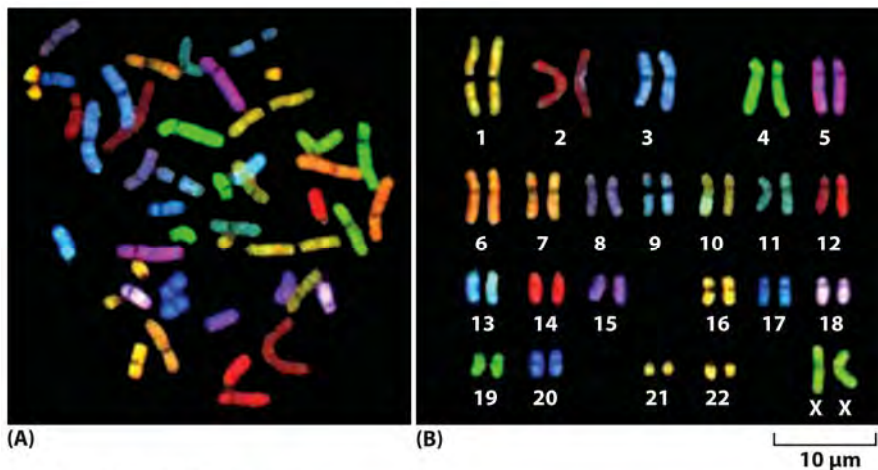
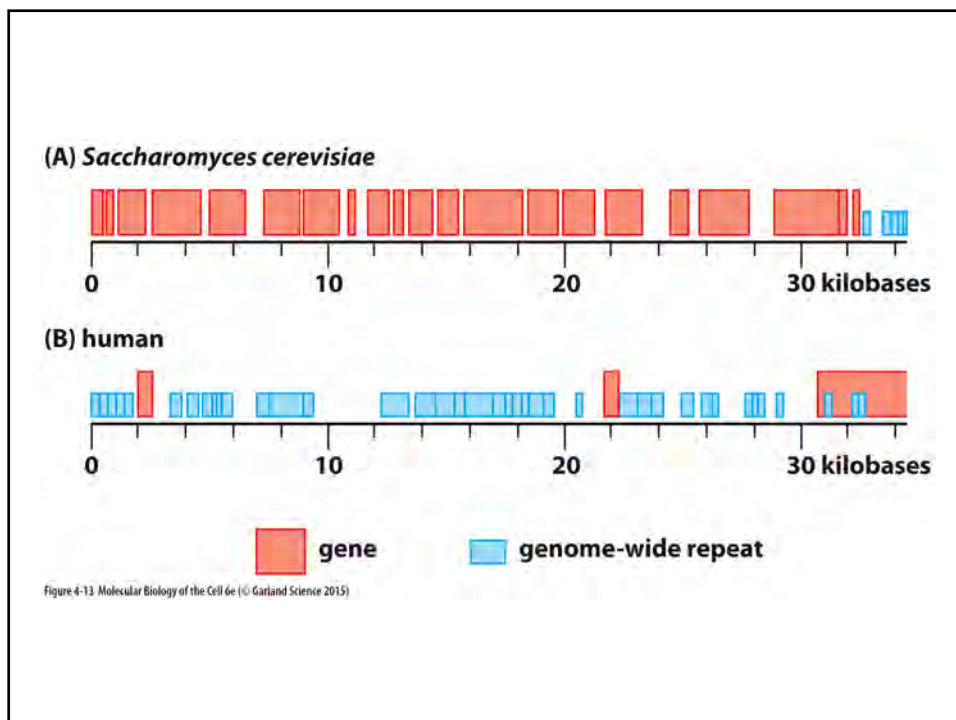
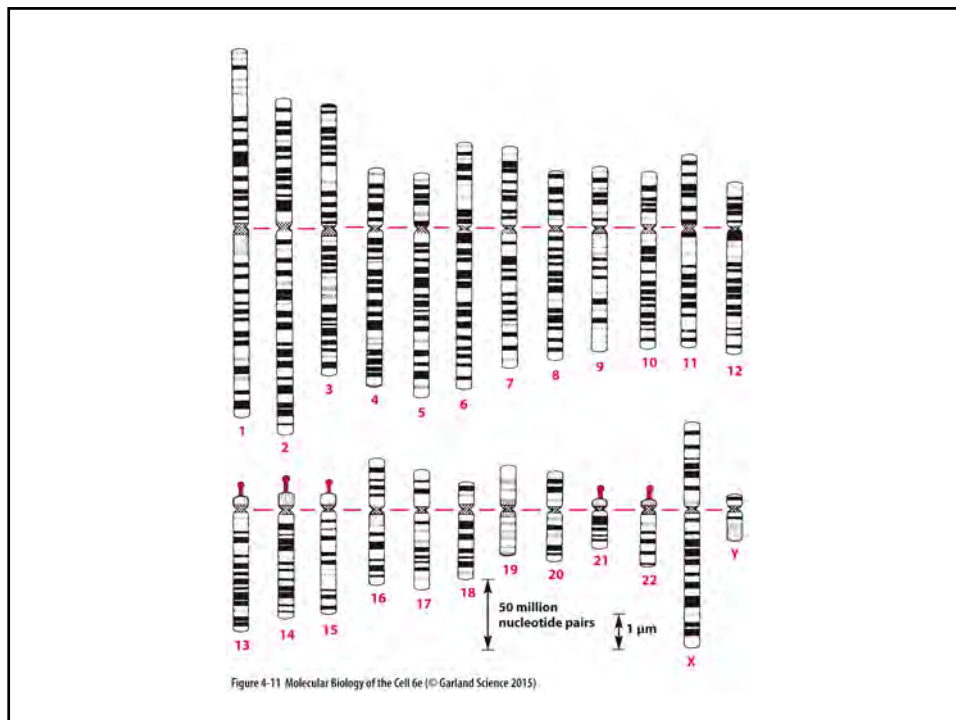
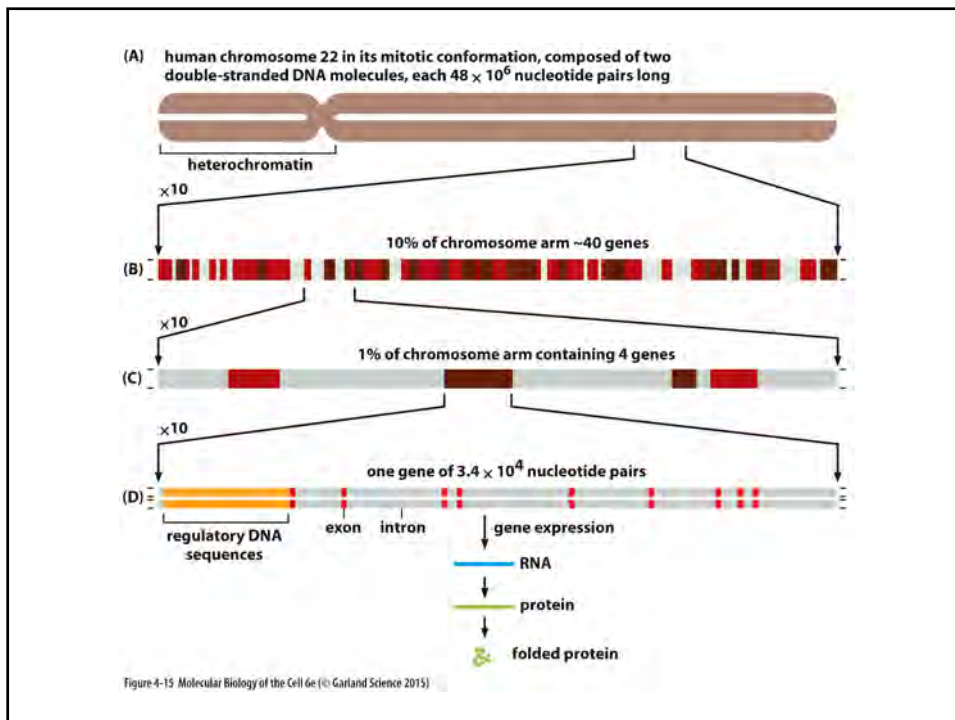
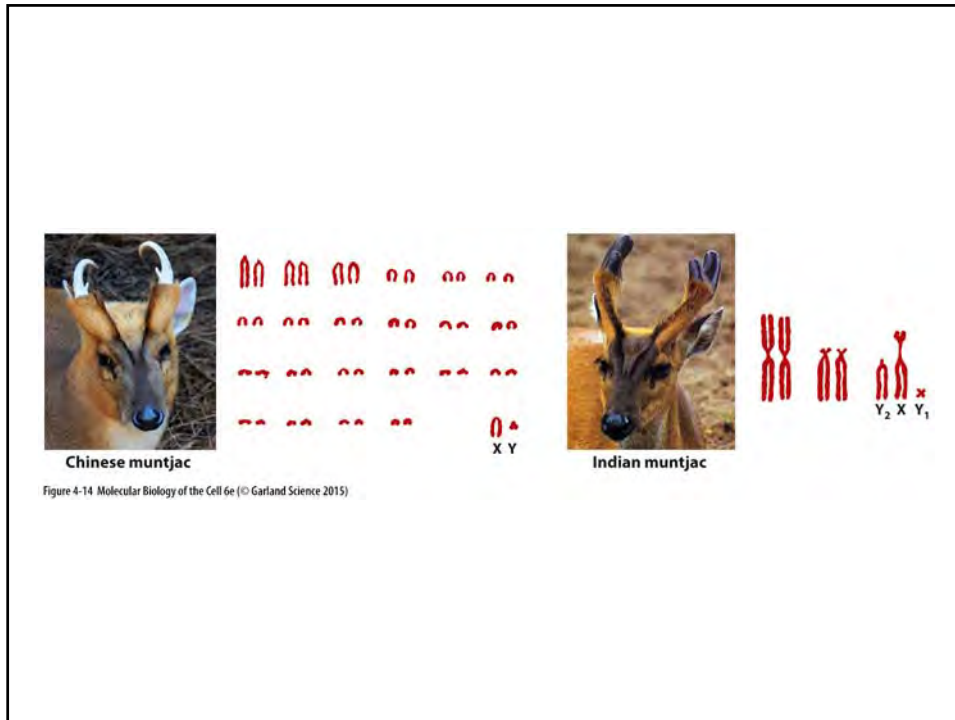


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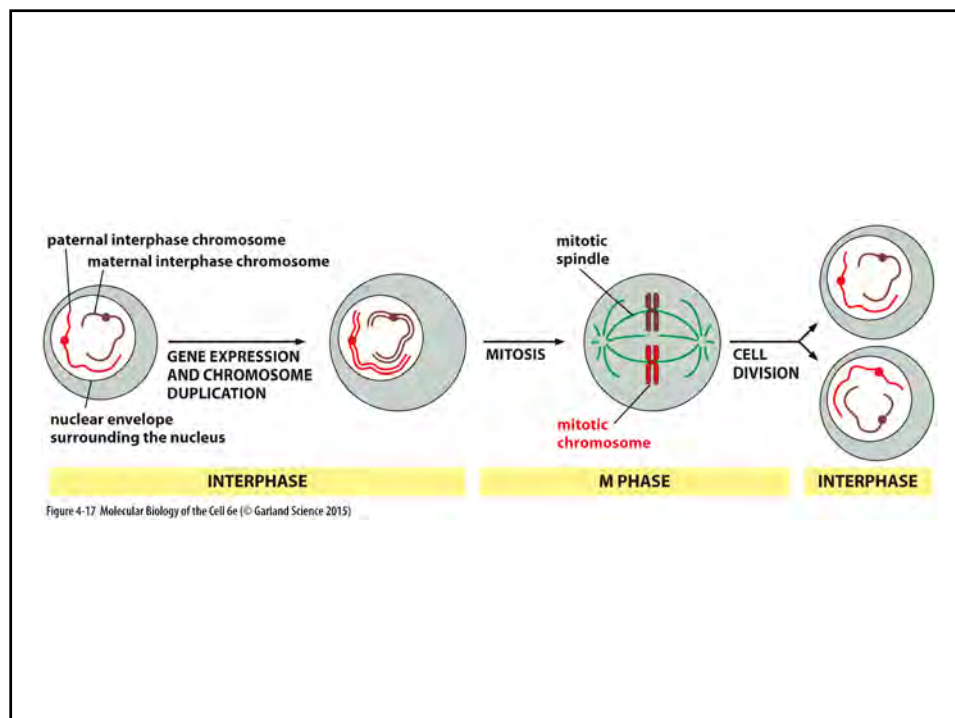


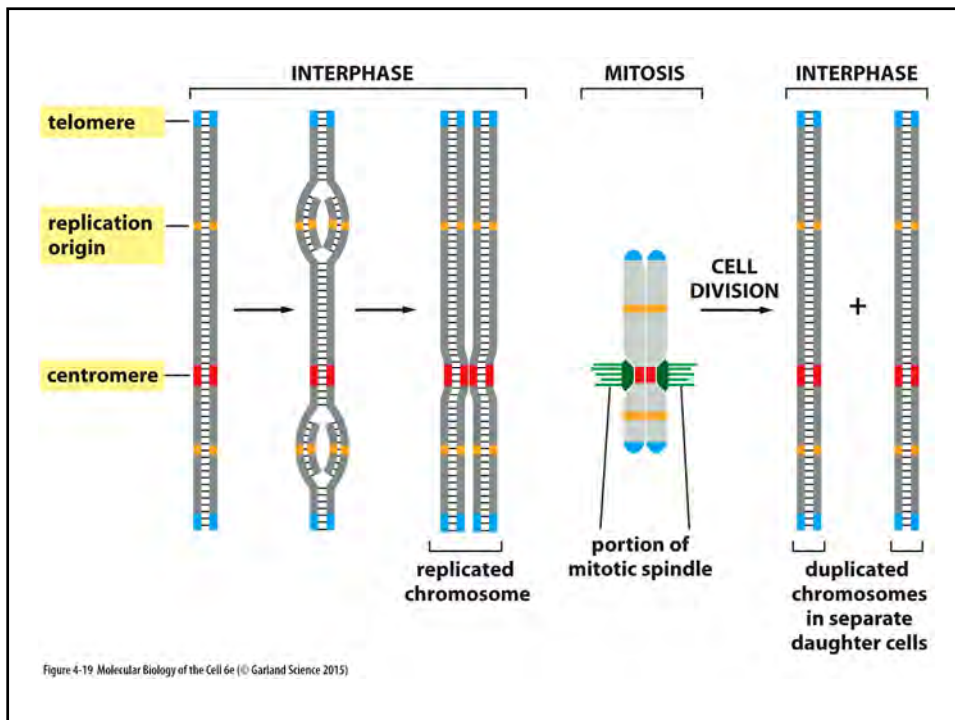
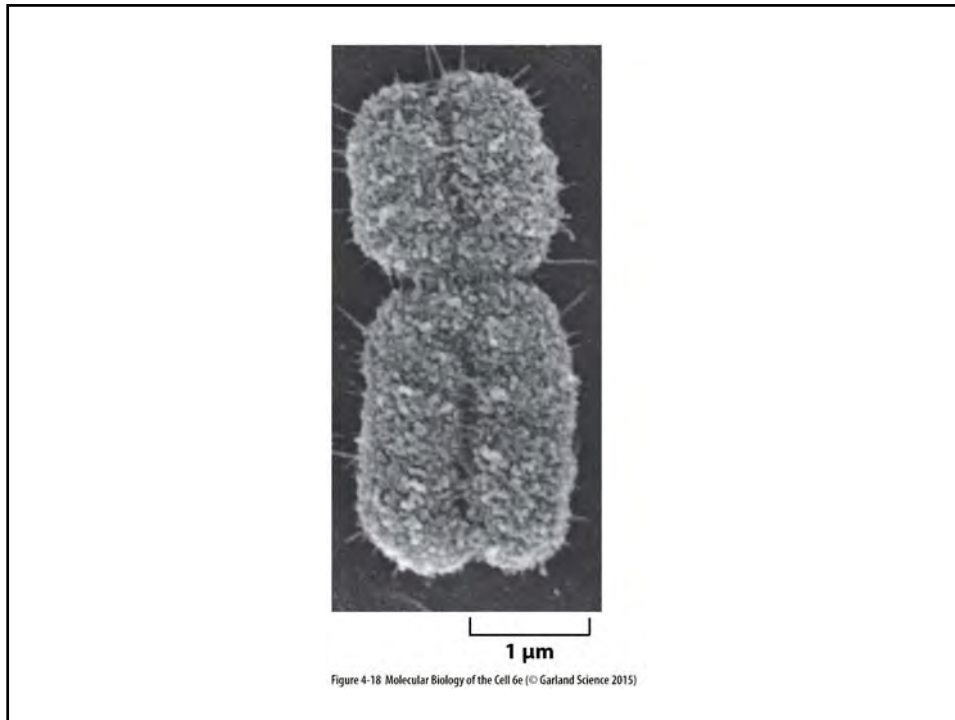
## Characteristic sequences of DNA are found in eukaryotes.

- Look at conserved regions for critical function
- Complexity correlates with num of genes, not size
- 1/3 of conserved code proteins, also binding sites and coding for untranslated RNA
- Species with genes in same order: synteny
- Interphase: replication, mitosis: condensed, most of time no divide thin threads expression
- Centromere: protein kinetochore attaches each chromosome to spindles -> pull apart
- Telomeres: repeat ends protect from DNA repair
- Origins of replication: at many sites in linear DNA

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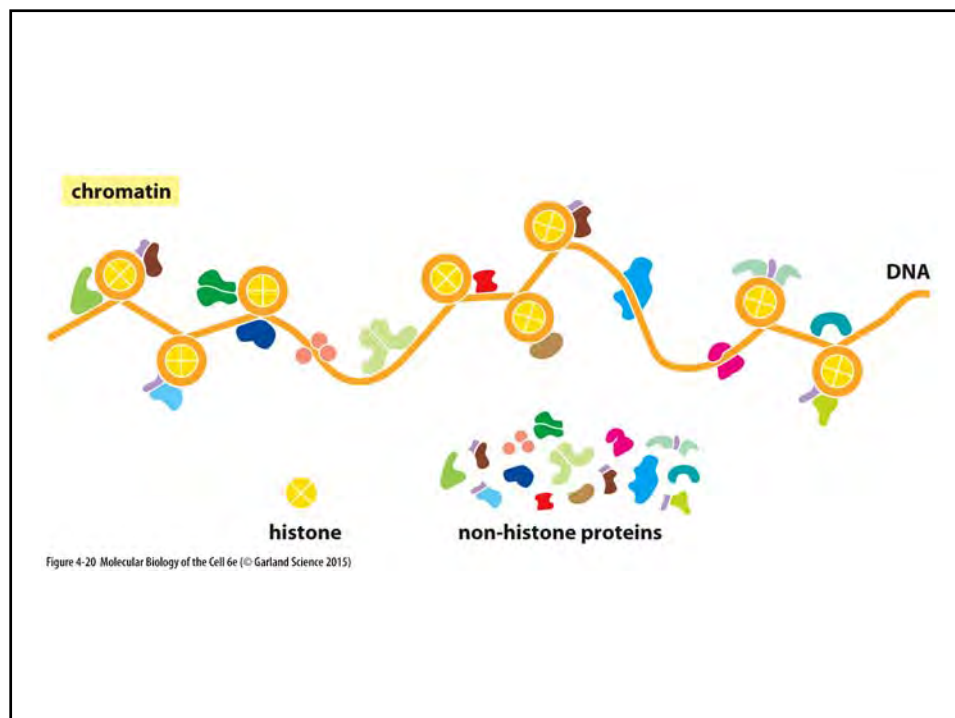
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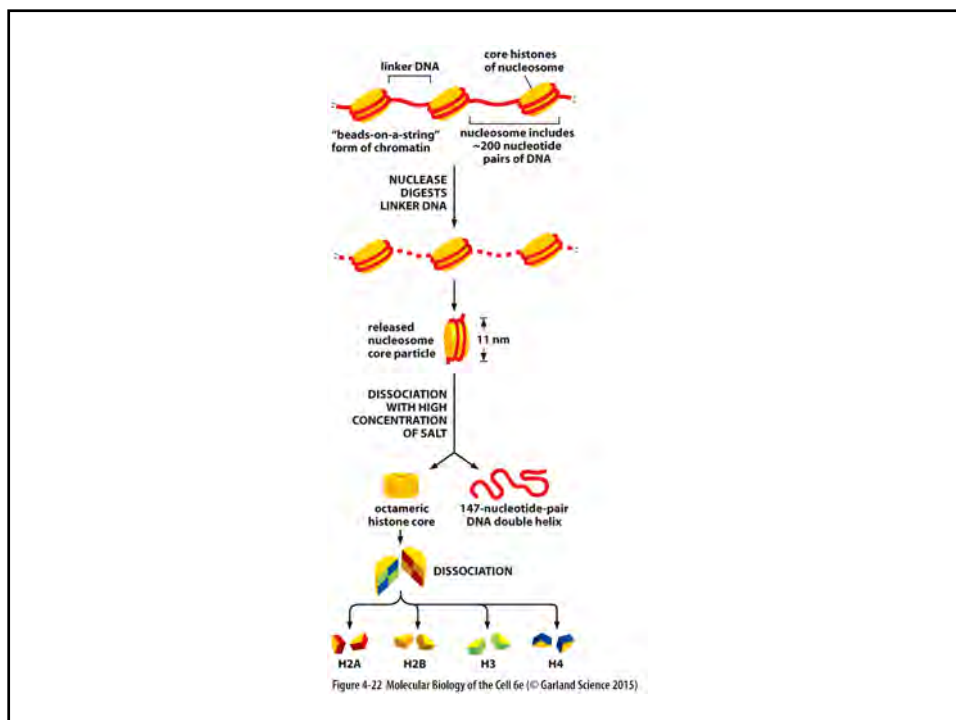
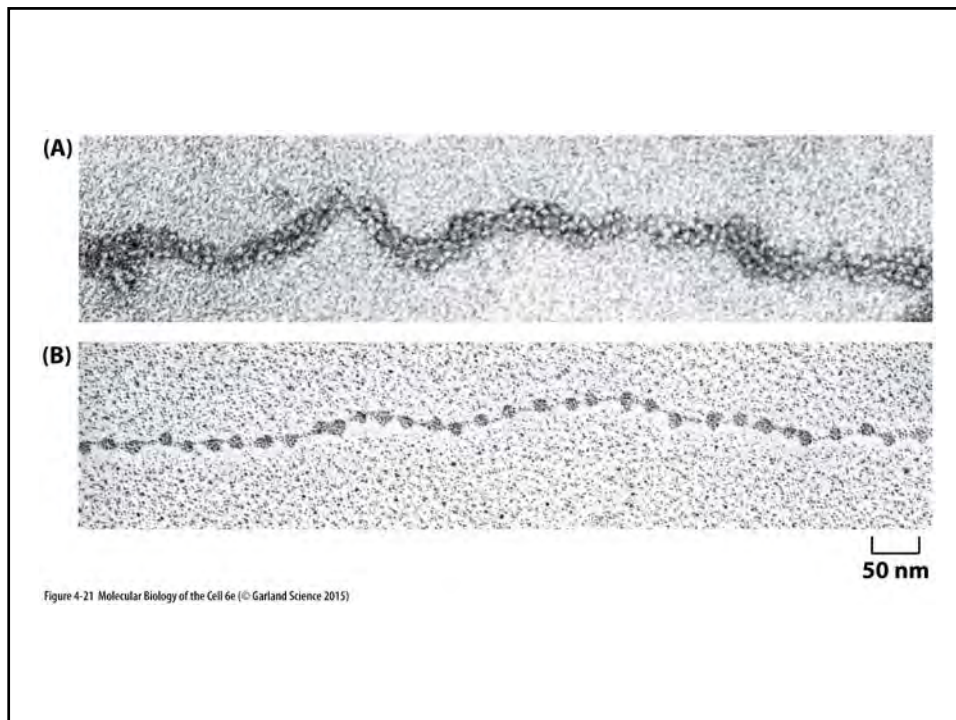




## Nucleosome is the basic unit of DNA organization around histone cores.

- Regional decondensation during interphase access for expression repair replicate
- Nucleosome: DNA strings on core particle beads 2x of H2A H2B H3 H4, degrade linker DNA to find repeat every 200 nucleotides
- Disc shaped core left handed coil of DNA using 2 loops 3  $\alpha$ -helices, H-bond amino of histones with phosphodiester of DNA, (+) charged arginine and lysine on histone with (-) charged DNA









## Chromatin remodeling complexes bind to core, exchange histone subunits.

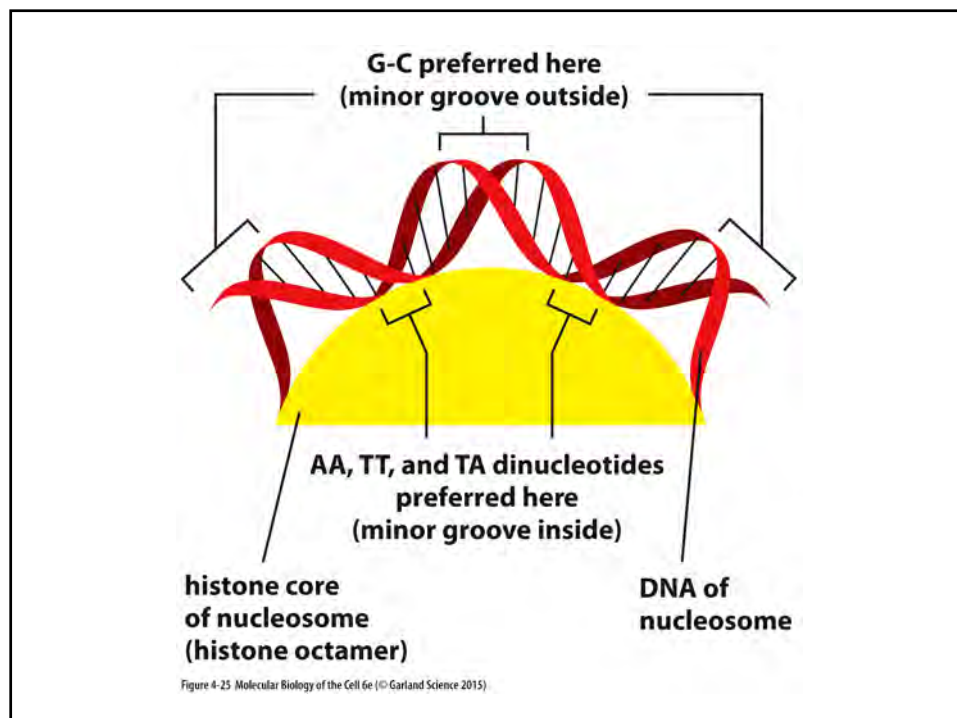
- Bent minor groove of DNA 1.7 turns octamer
- Covalent modification of outward protruding N-terminal tail of core histones
- Highly conserved - lethal, dedicated variants
- Chromatin remodeling complex use ATP to move DNA off the core, nucleosome sliding, work with neg chaperones to remove histones
- Nucleosome position depends on other proteins tightly bound, dynamic to cells

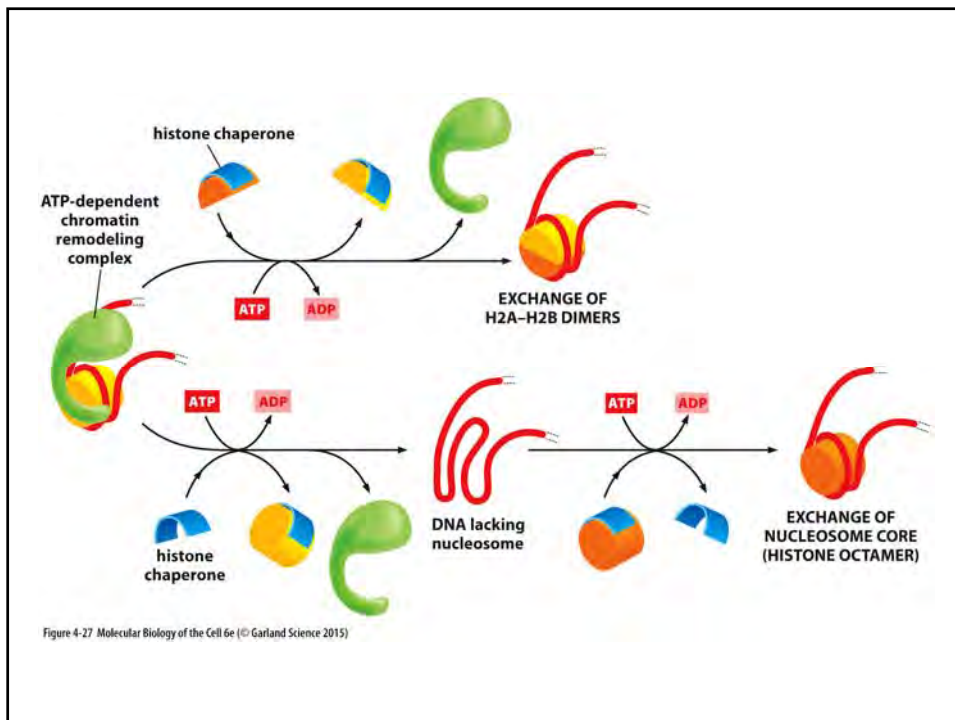
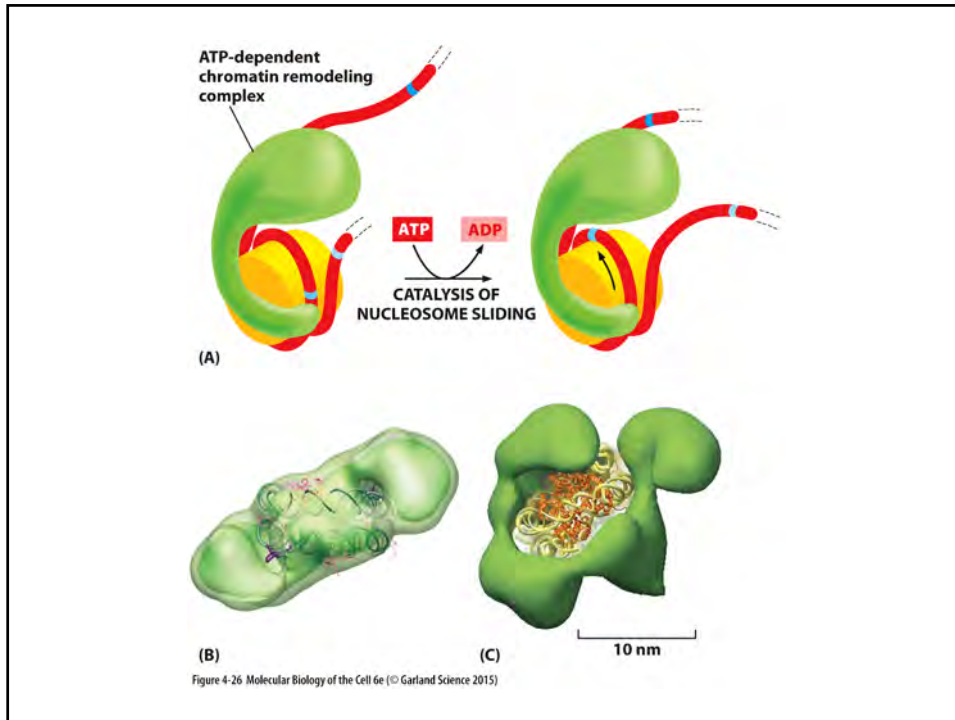
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## Nucleosomes are packed into chromatin fiber beyond beads-strings.

- Nucleosomes packed on top of each other thicker fiber of 30nm, zig zag model of stack
- Cryoelectron microscopy supports different solenoidal intercalated nucleosome model
- Nucleosome to nucleosome H4 tail linker
- 1 core to 1 linker H1 histone less conserved, changes path of DNA as it exits nucleosome
- Variation in linker DNA length

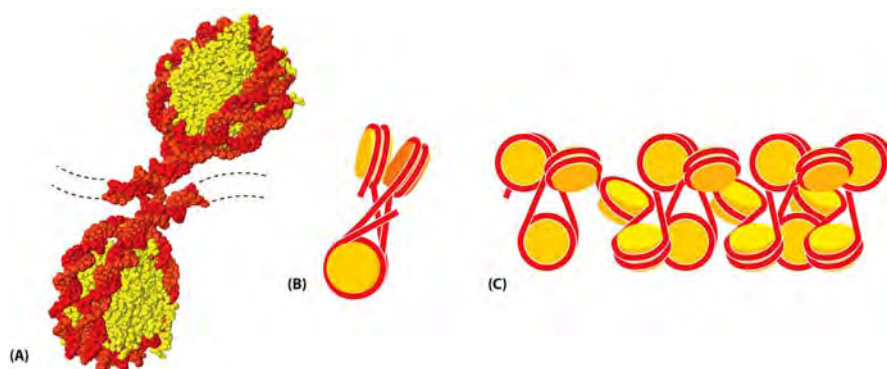
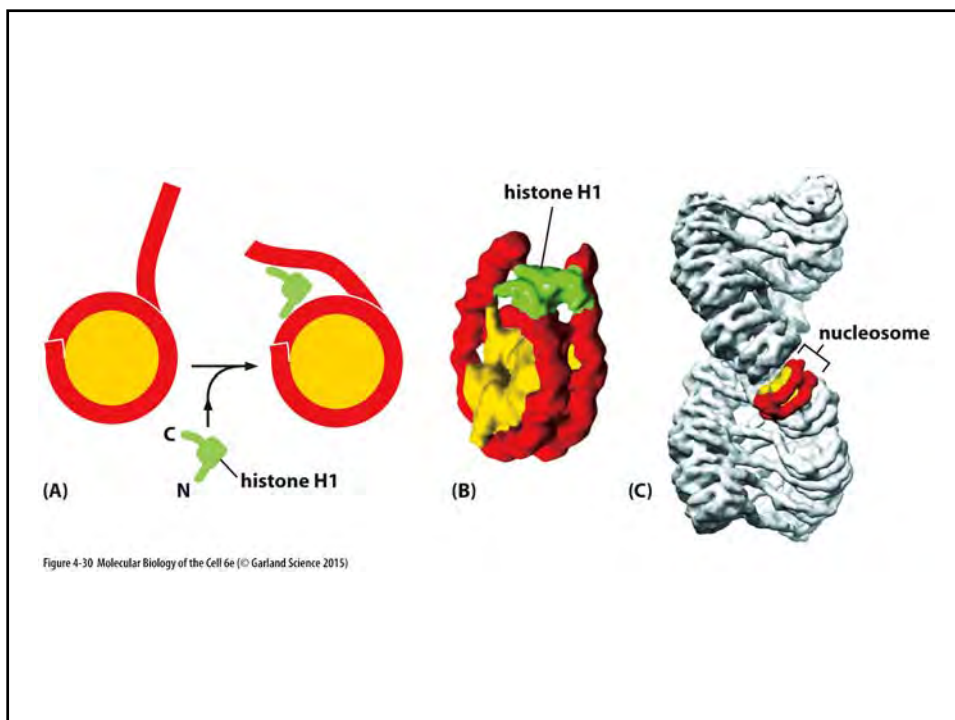
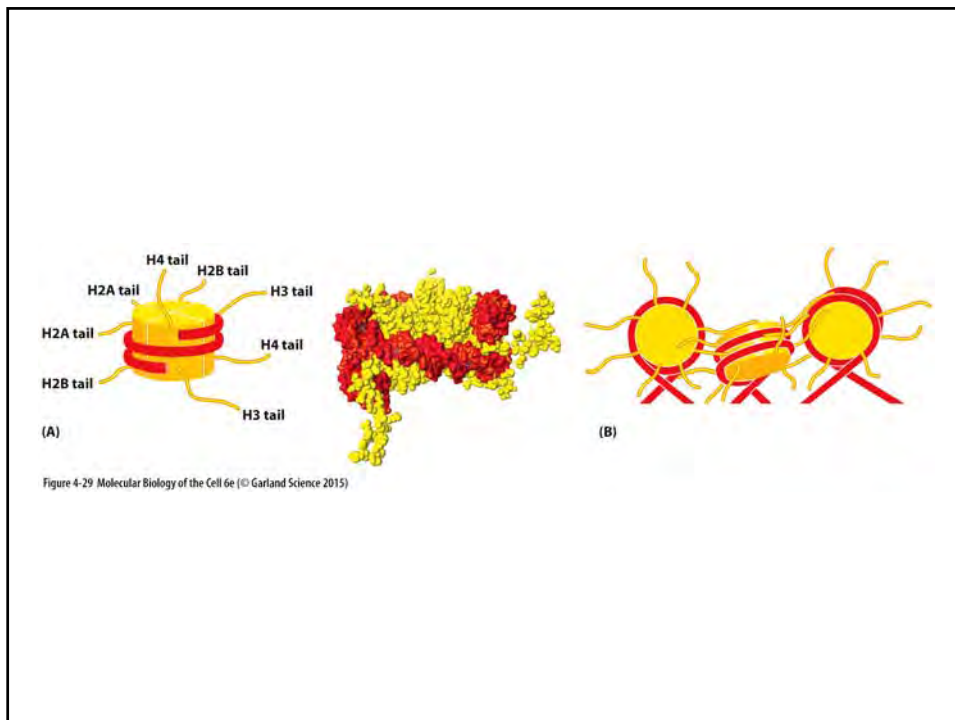
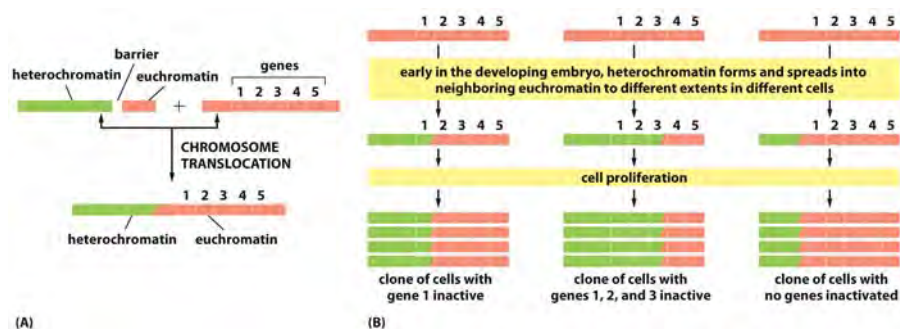


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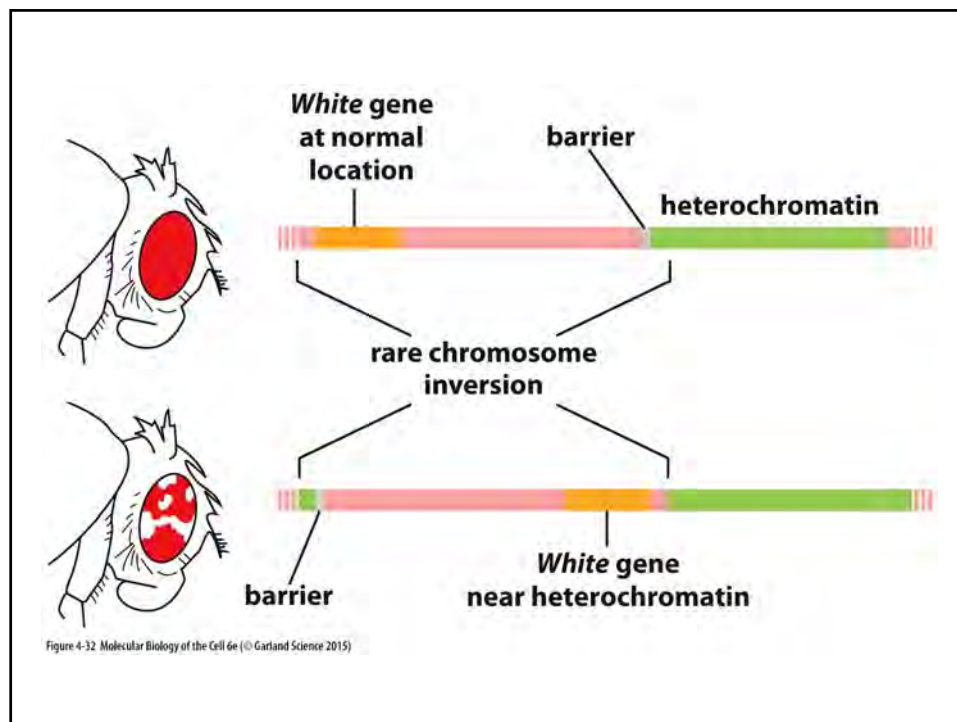
## Heterochromatin (condensed) is resistant to gene expression.

- Inherited chromatin structure is epigenetic i.e. beyond DNA inheritance, via covalent mod of conserved histones -> site for protein binding
- Condensed heterochromatin esp in centromere telomere very few genes express
- Position effects: expression depends on proximity to heterochromatin (silenced there)
- Position effect variegation: e.g. Female X chrom, zone of inactivation stably inherited by progeny



(A)  
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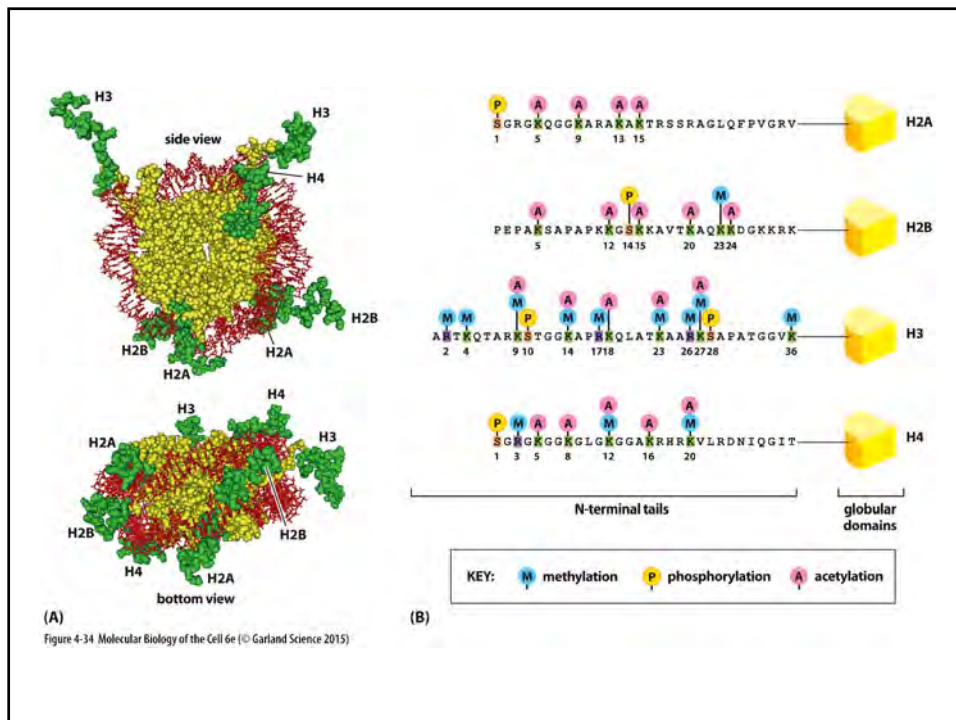
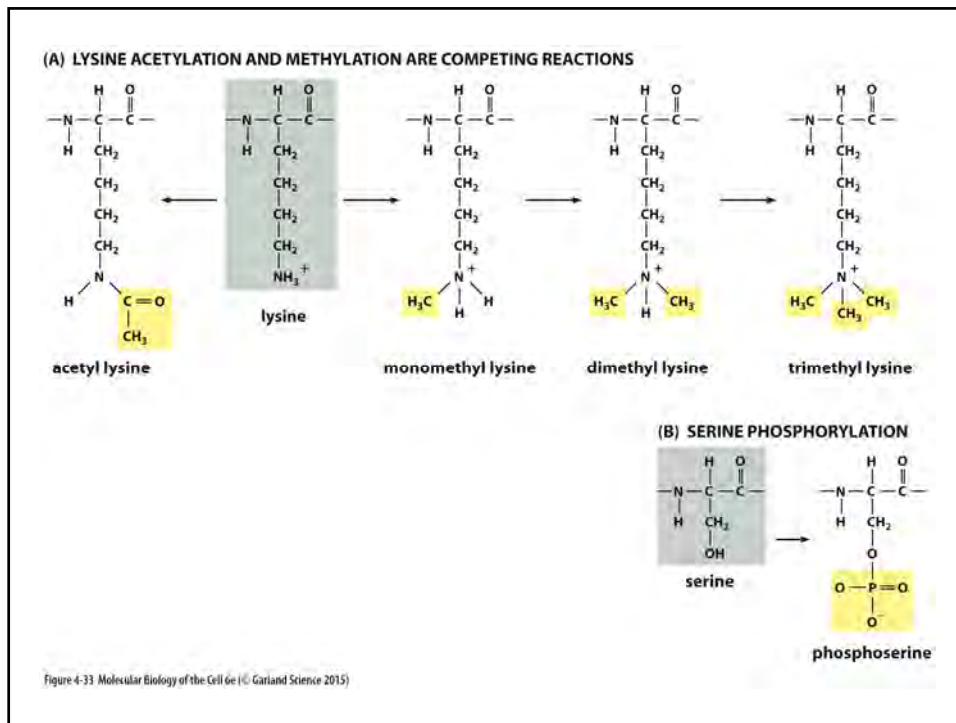




## Core histones and N-terminam tails can be covalently modified.

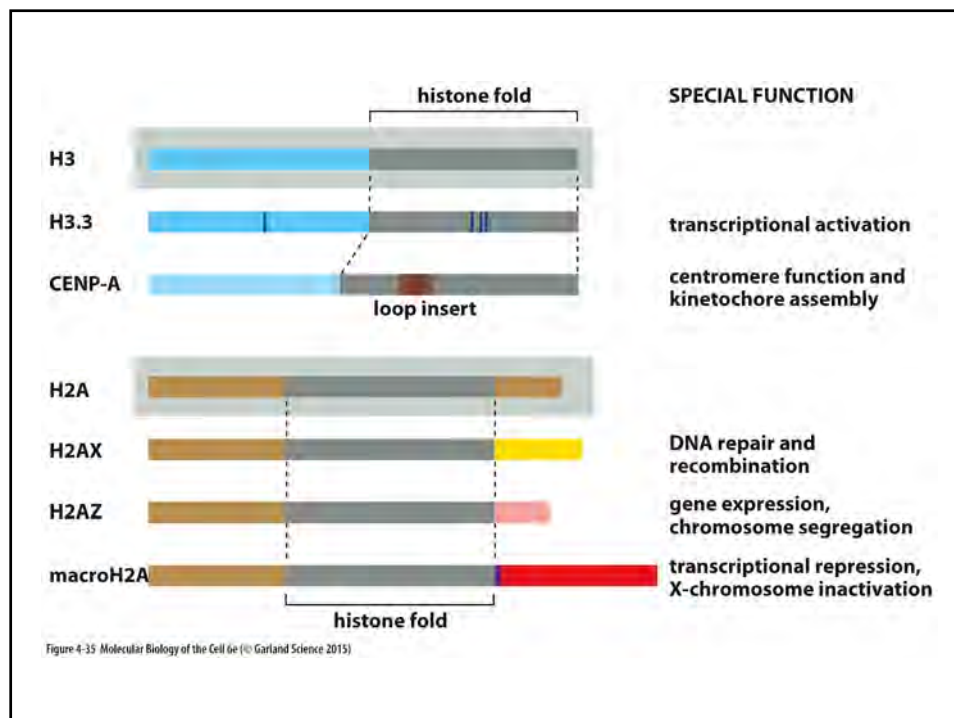
- 4 histone side chains & 8 N-term histone tails: acetylate lysine, methyl lysine, phosph serine
- Histone acetyl transferase (HATS) add acetyl to lysines, removal - deacetylase complex (HDAC)
- Reversible, recruited to chromatin at specific stage of cell by gene regulatory proteins, but modification persists after cell cont develop
- Acetylate lysine on N-term tail removes positive charge loosens chromatin structure via recruited proteins that recognize the acetylation.

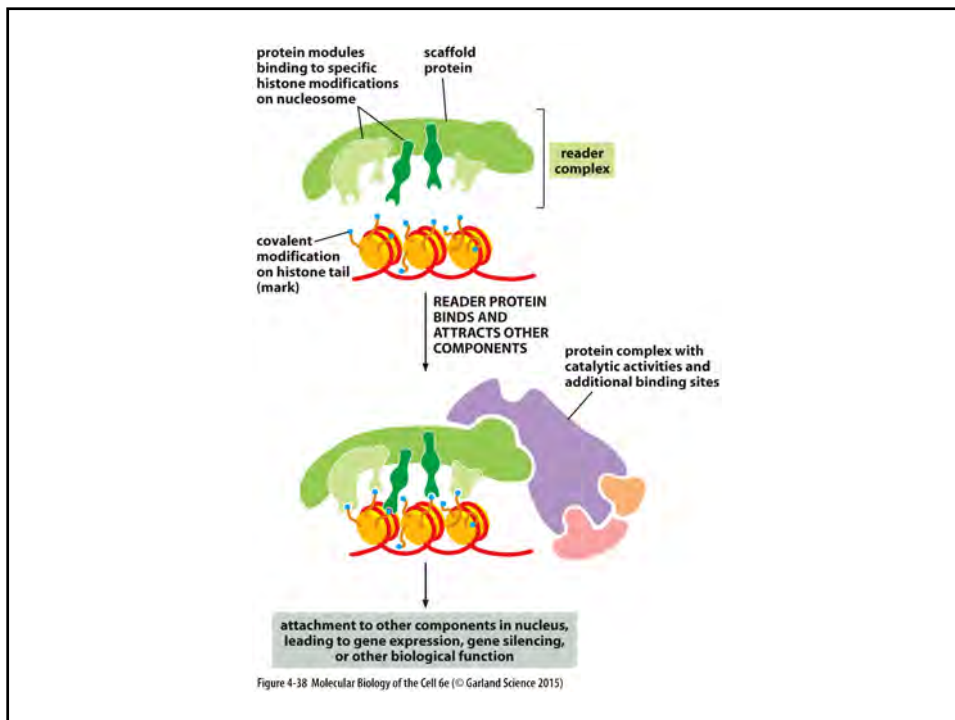
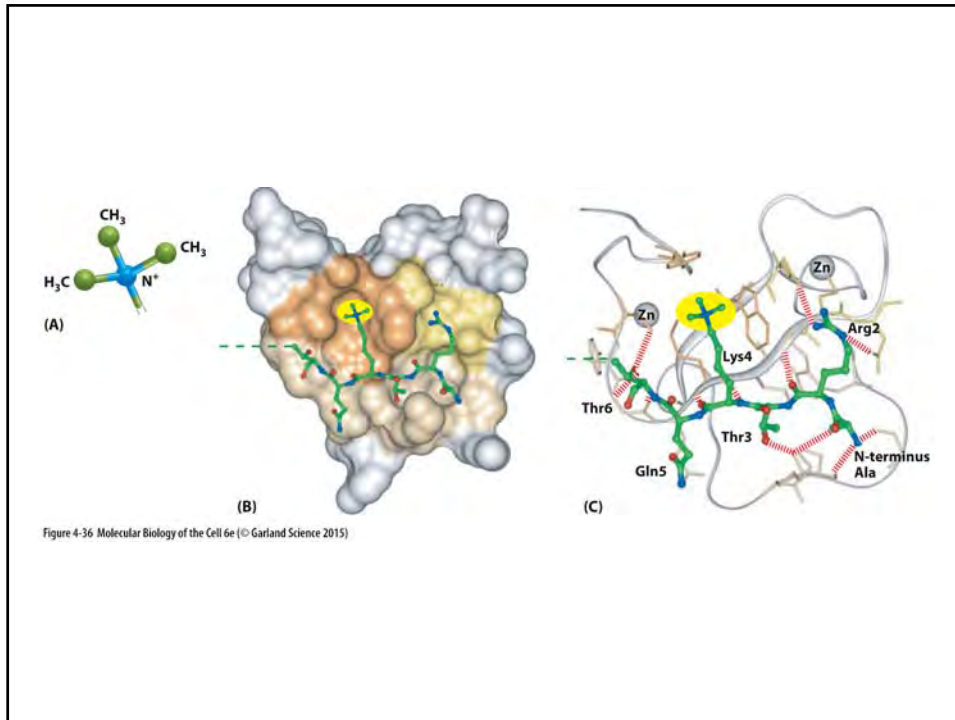


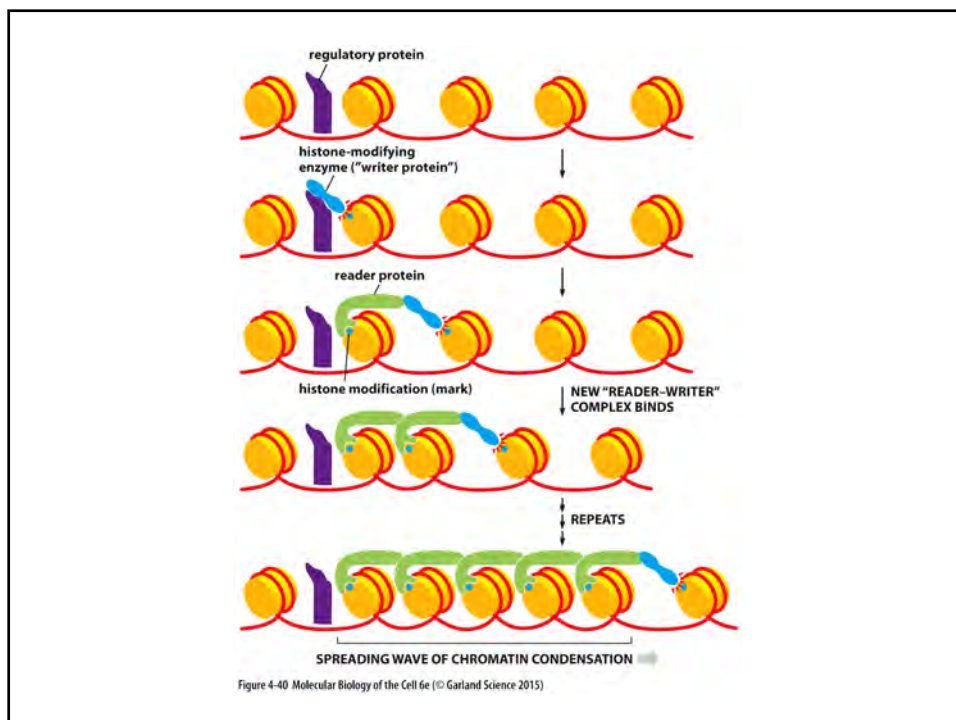
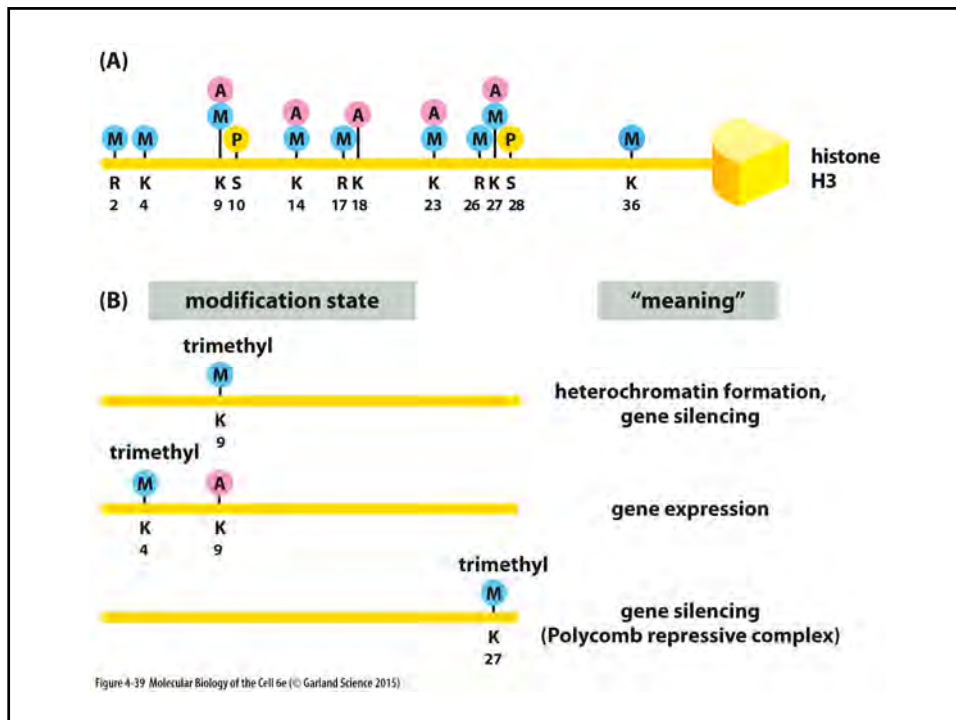


## Histone code marking on chromatin, spread of mods over long distance.

- Histone variants made in interphase (not like major histones in S phase), inserted via remodeling complexes into specific sites
- Histone code: marker signals like cov mods and variants recruit proteins for bio function
- Writer mark -> reader reads mark -> attached writer writes on adjacent nucleosome -> read again, ATP-dep chromatin remodeling attached to decondense stretch of chromatin









## Centromere protein arrangement allows kinetechore plate binding.

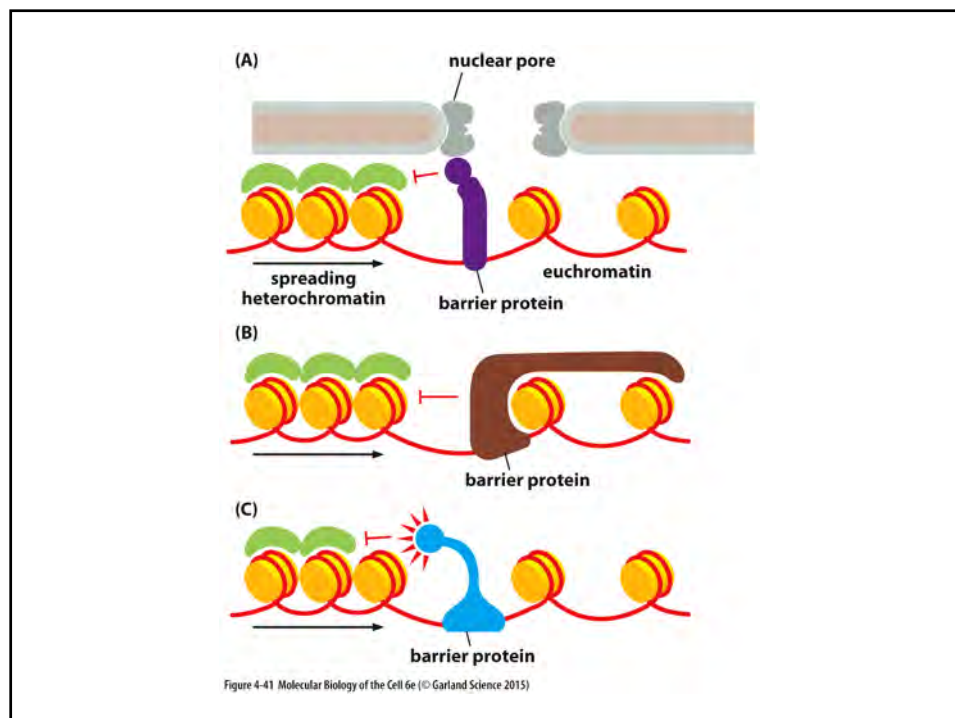
- Barrier sequences like HS4 separate target gene from adjacent condensed chromatin, if deleted spreading inactivation lead to gene silencing, HS4 sites for histone acetylation
- Interphase centric heterochromatin in centromeres has CENP-A histone that packs nucleosomes densely into kinetechore for spindle attachment
- Alpha satellite DNA in centromeres in humans packaged into alt blocks of chromatin CENP-A enhances seeding centromeres but not necessary, neocentromeres in fragments (no satellite DNA)

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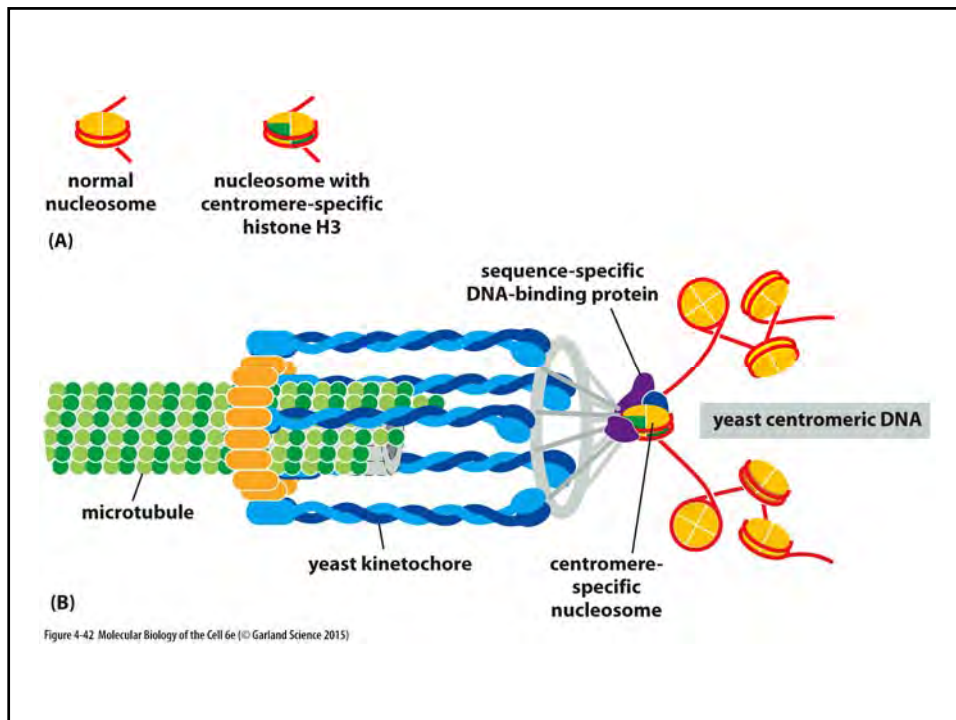


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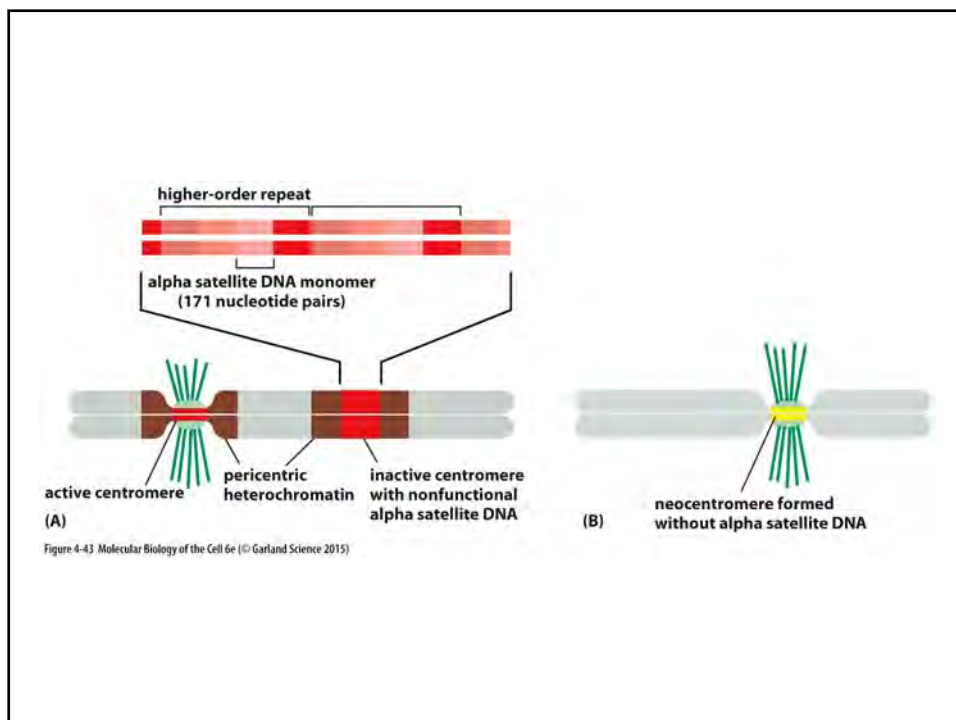


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## Team work.

The chromatin remodeling complexes play an important role in chromatin regulation in the nucleus. They ...

- A. can slide nucleosomes on DNA.
- B. have ATPase activity.
- C. interact with histone chaperones.
- D. can remove or exchange core histone subunits.
- E. All of the above.

The acetylation of lysines on the histone tails ...

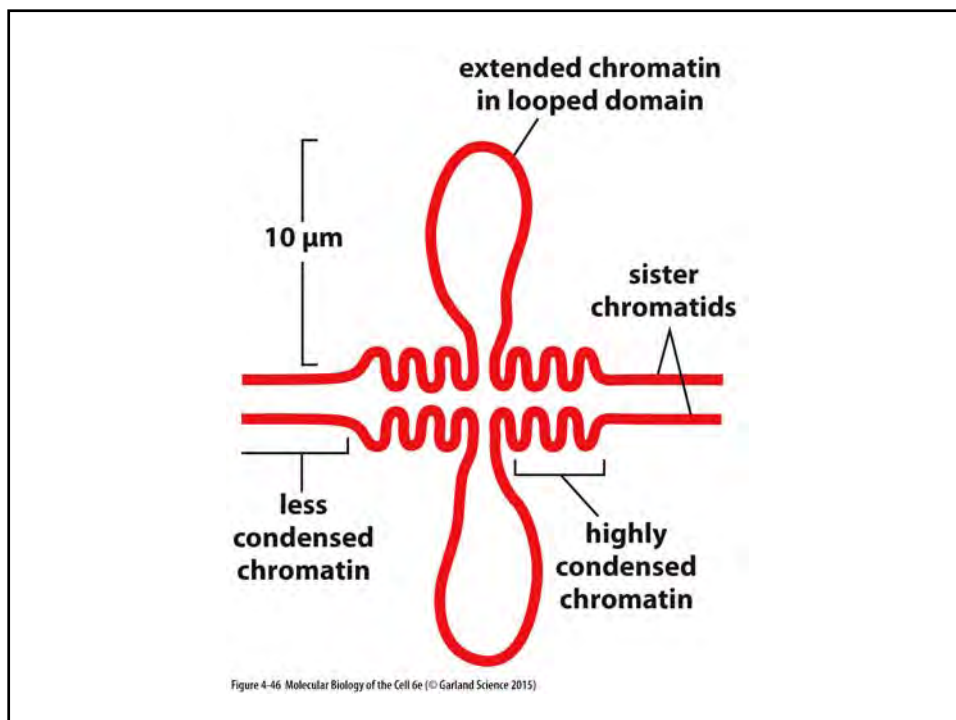
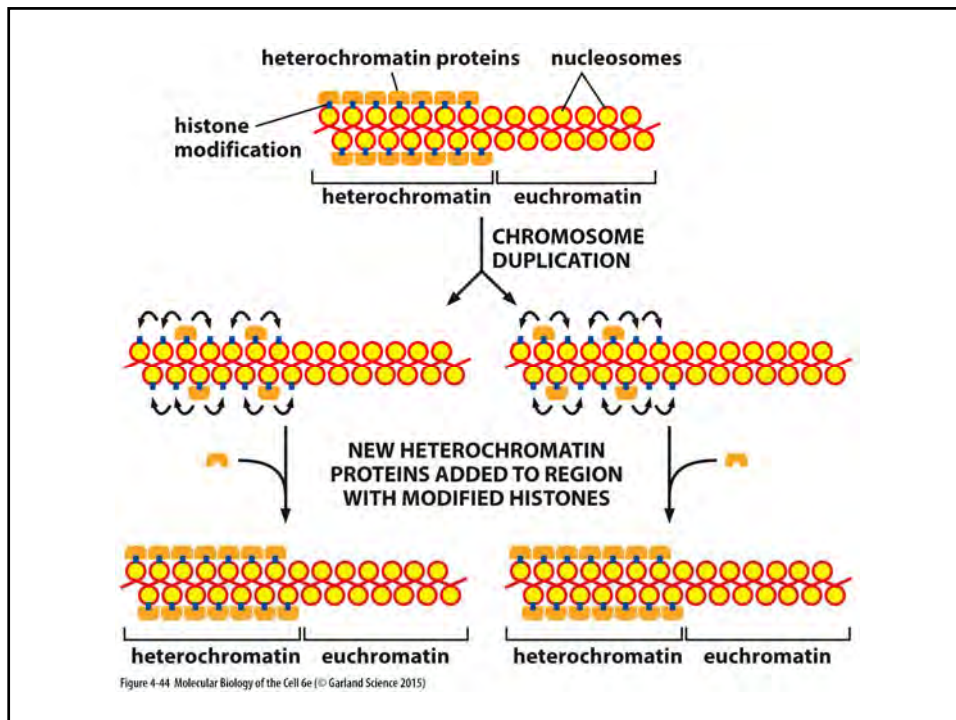
- A. is sufficient for the formation of an open chromatin structure.
- B. loosens the chromatin structure because it adds positive charges to the histone.
- C. recruits the heterochromatin protein HP1, resulting in the establishment of heterochromatin.
- D. can be performed on methylated lysines only after they are first demethylated.
- E. is a covalent modification and is thus irreversible.

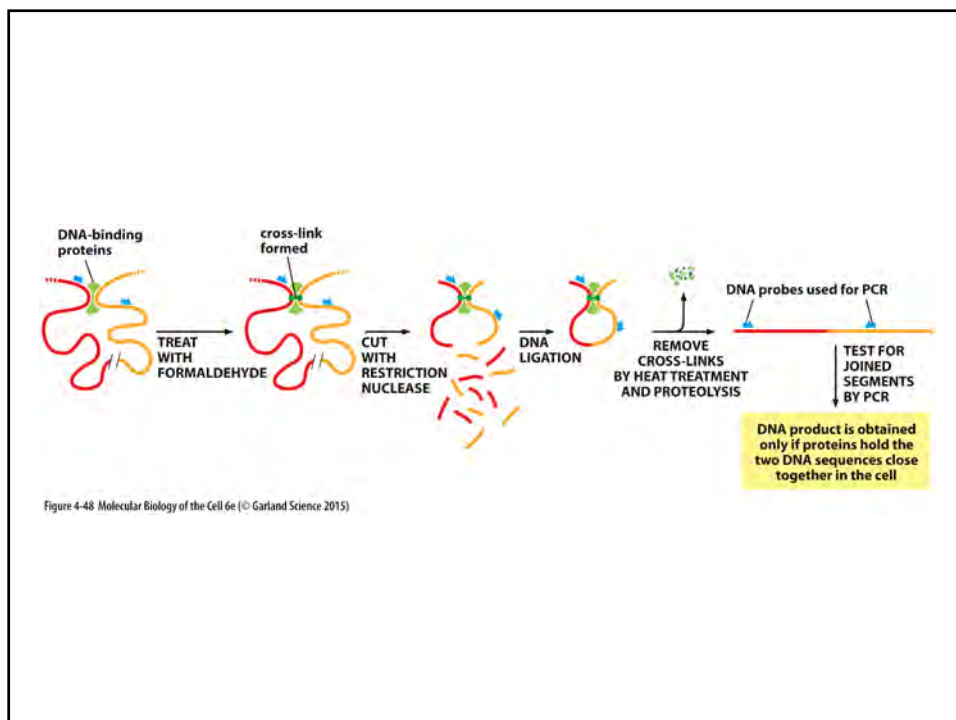
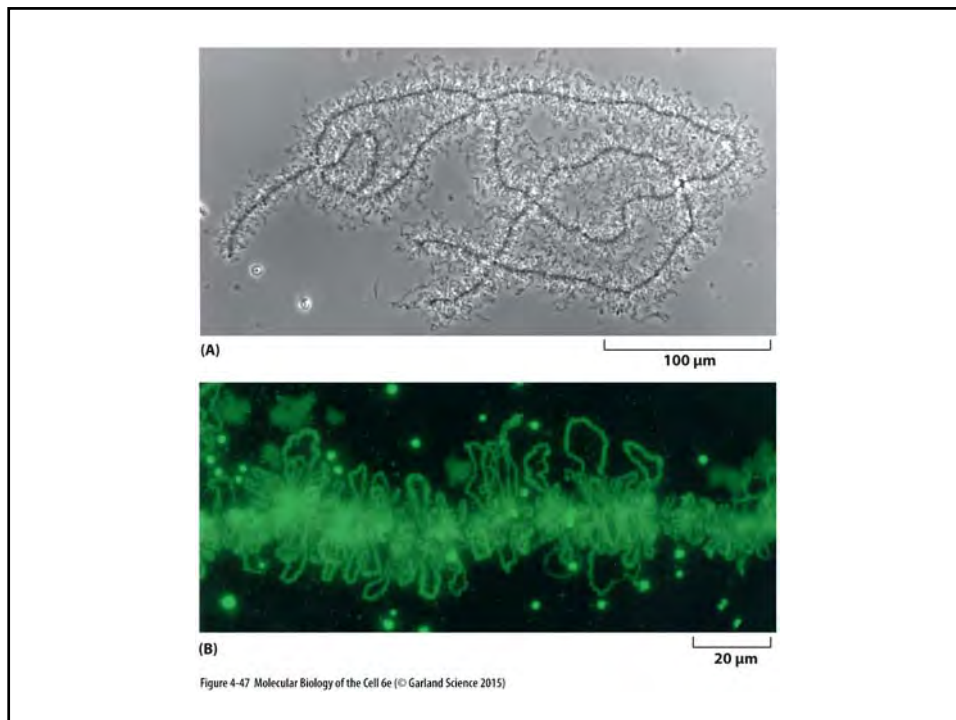


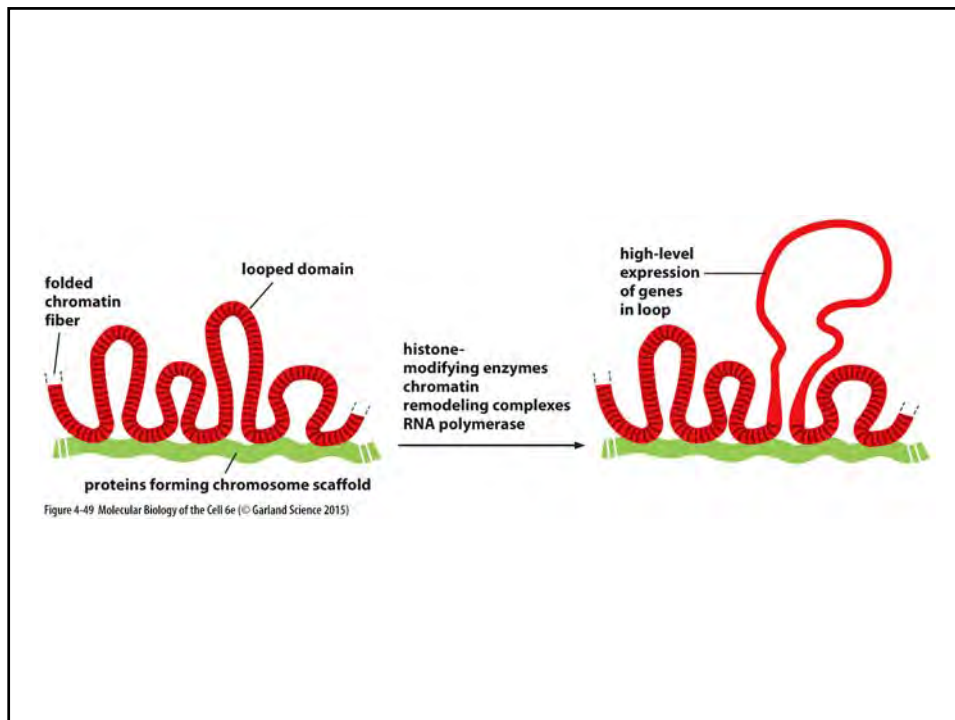
## From chromatin structure to chromosome structure.

- Seeding event on alpha satellite DNA -> CENP-A H3 histone -> centromere made & inherited
- Memory of genes and local chromatin structure, inherited centric heterochromatin
- Further folding of 30nm fiber into loops coils
- Most DNA found in nonexpress chromomeres on axis, loops of 50000 to 200000 nucleotides
- Determine loop position by chromosome conformation capture 3C to find link location







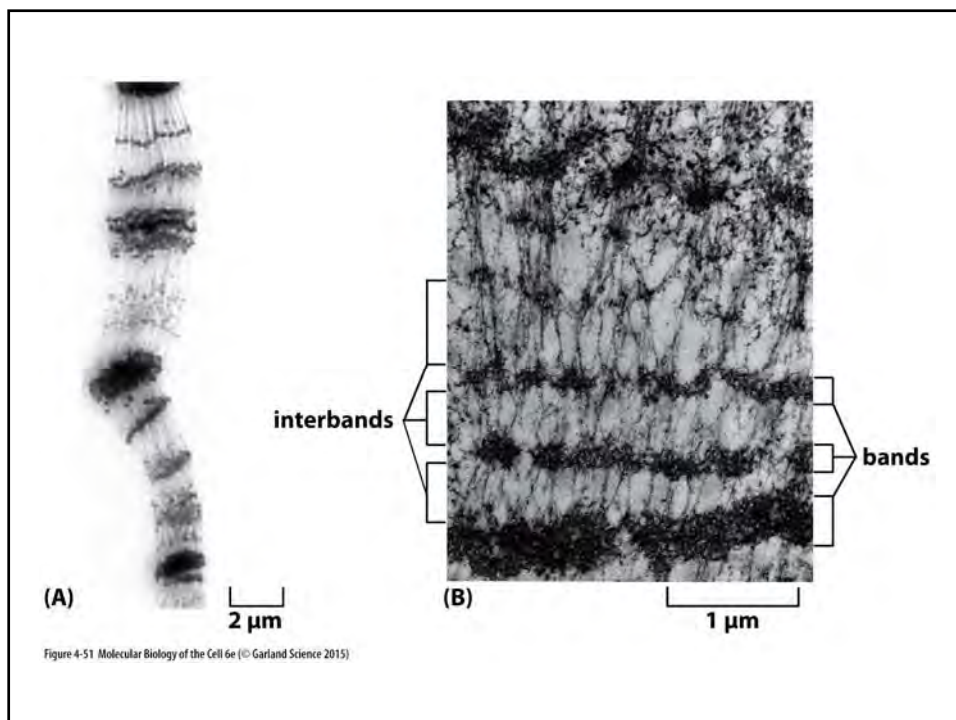
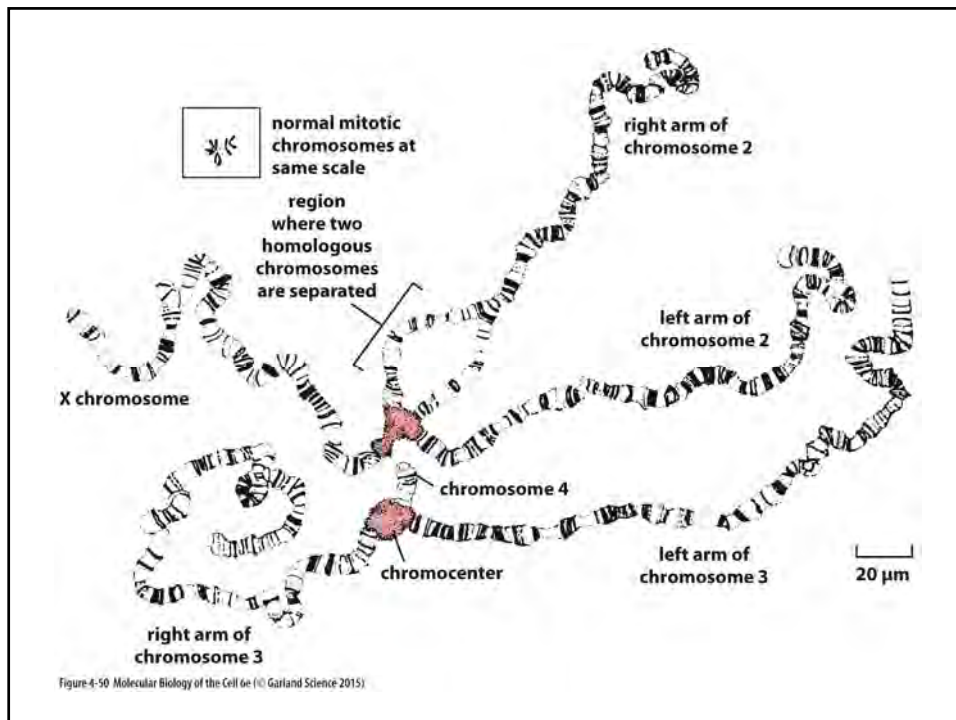


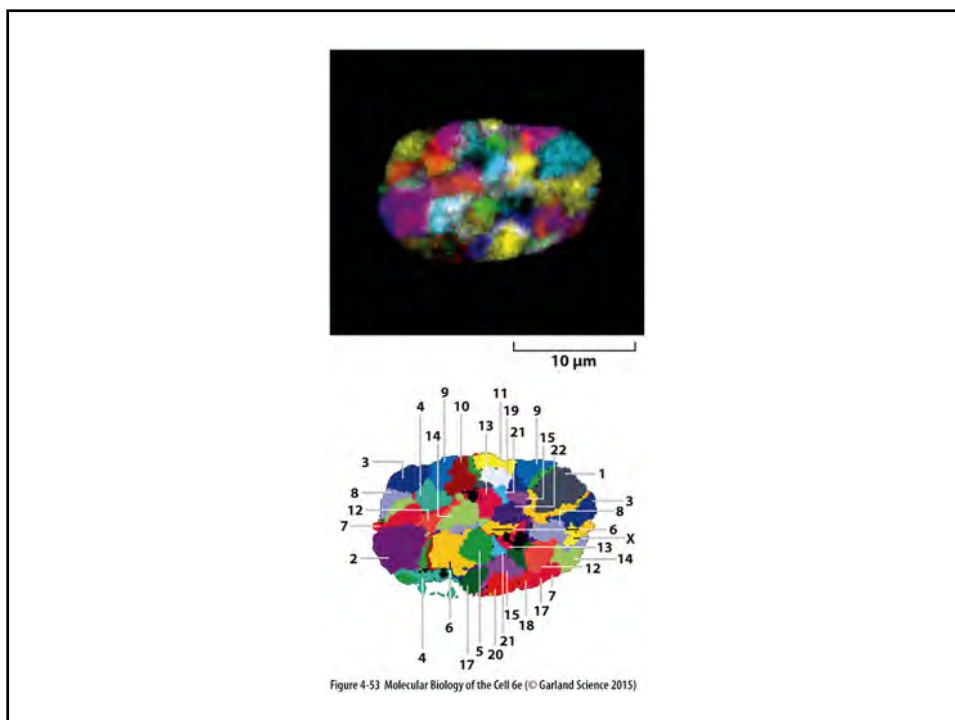
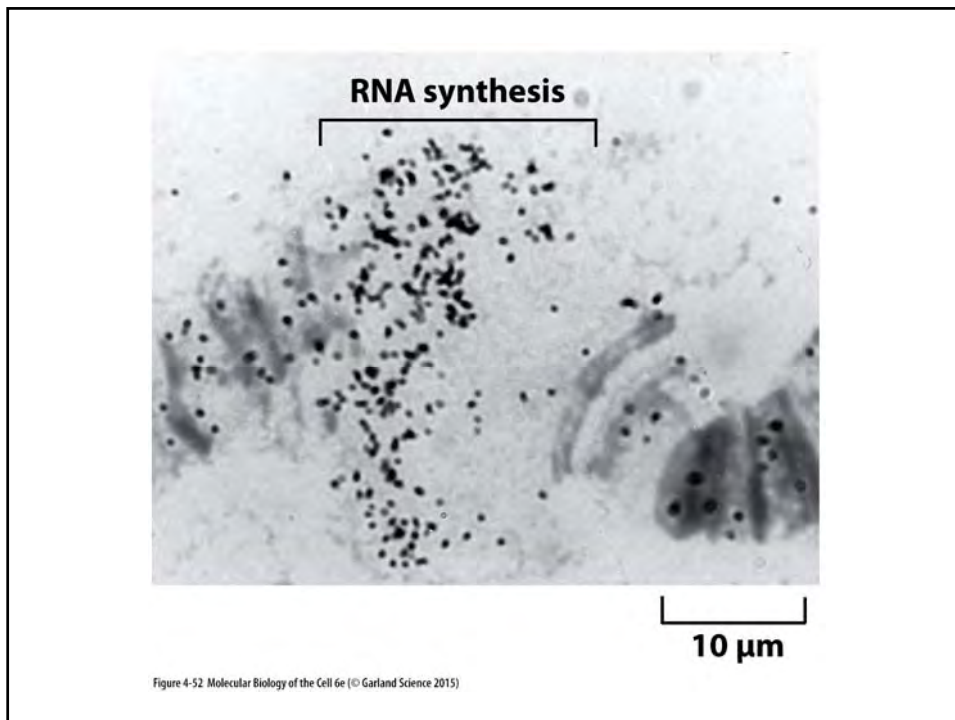
## Chromosomes move around nucleus when their genes are expressed.

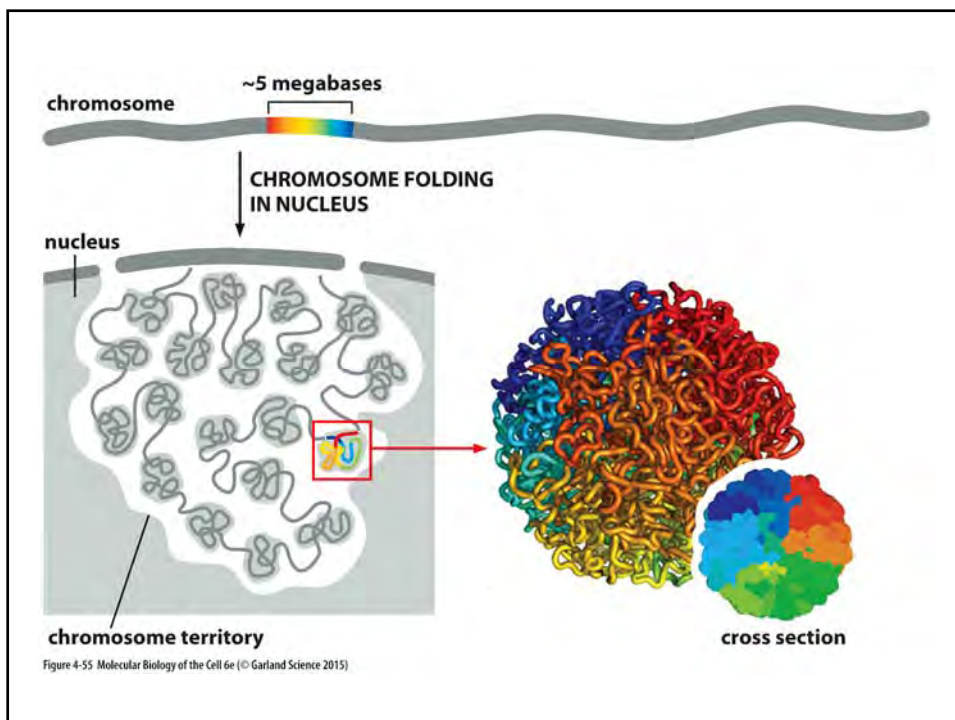
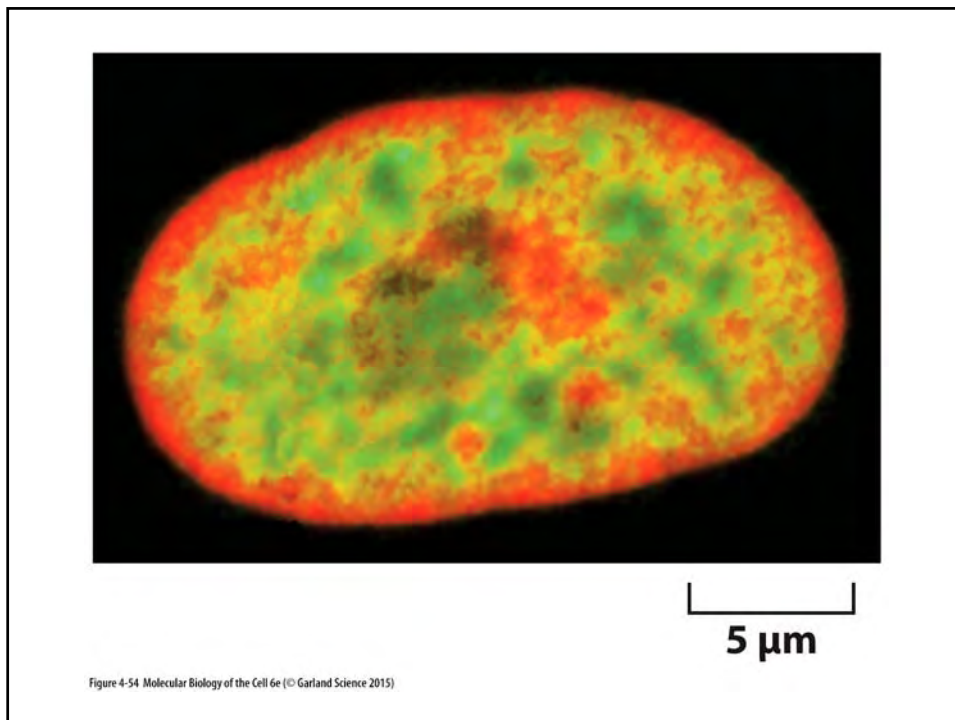
- Polytene chromosomes contain many copies, easy to study due to distinctive banding
- Most DNA in bands condensed, antibody label
- Multiple forms of heterochromatin: polycomb form proteins in nonoverlapping PcG proteins
- Loops decondense - puffs for gene expression
- Each chromosome its own area attached to lamina, assembly extends when transcribed
- Nuclear regions mark by inositol phospholipids

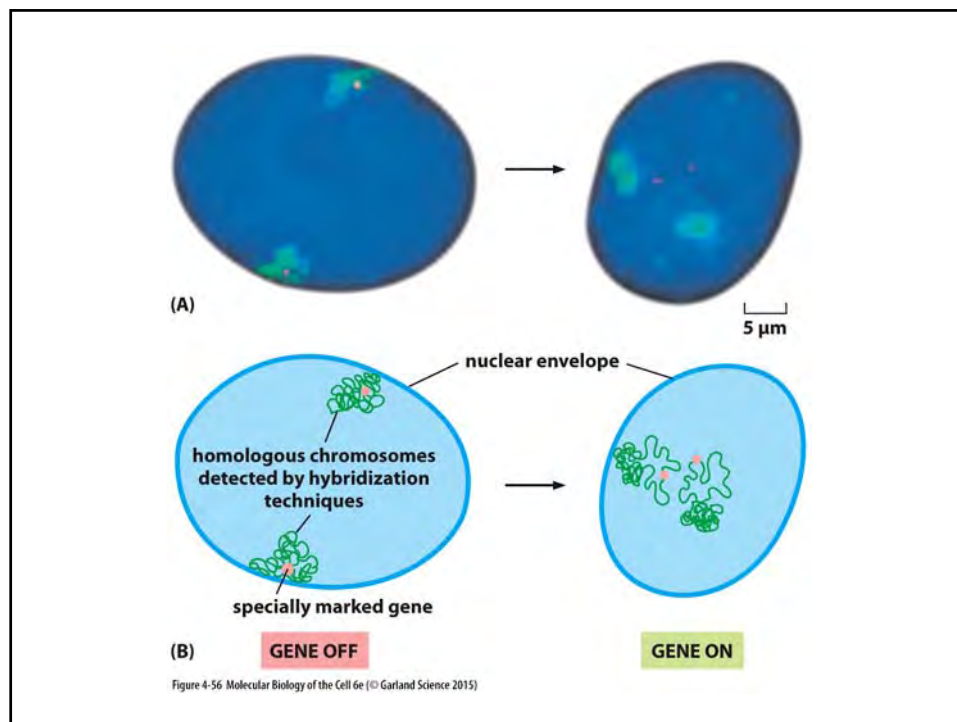








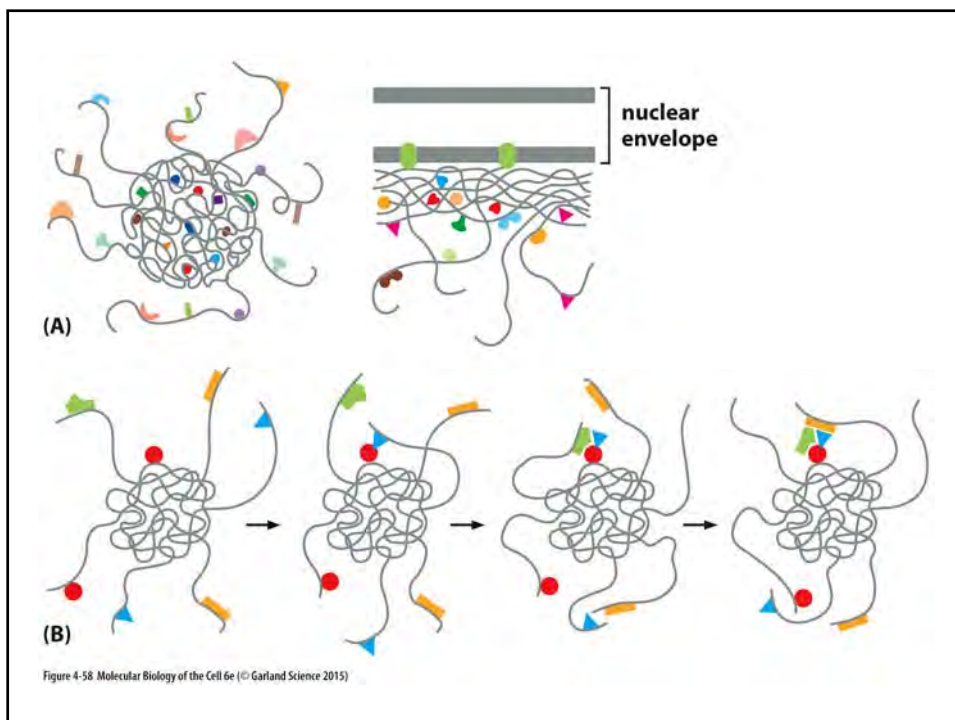
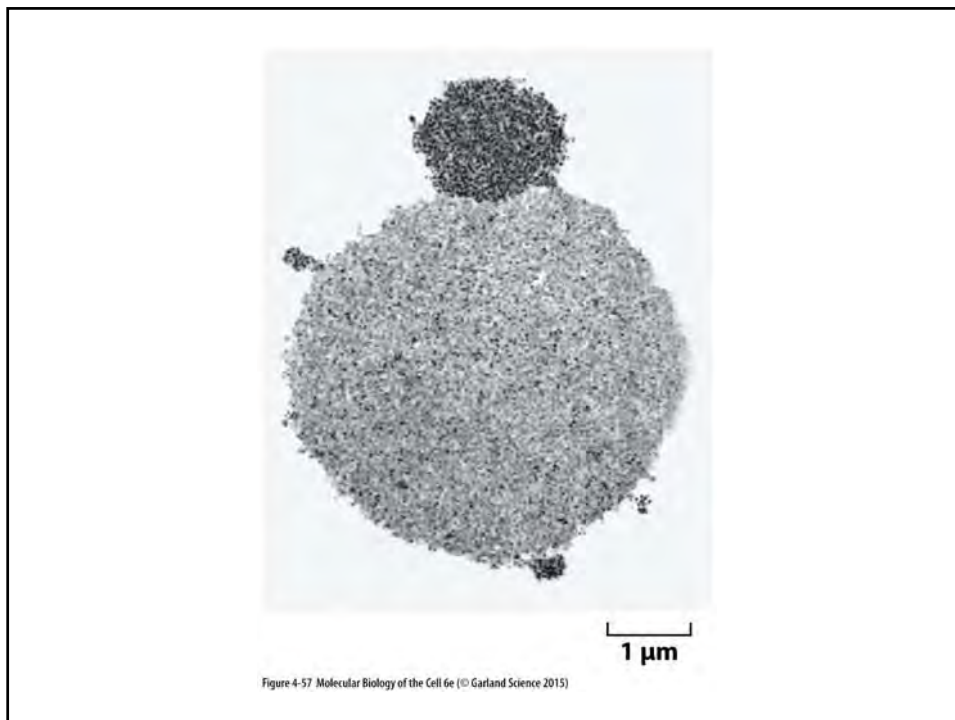




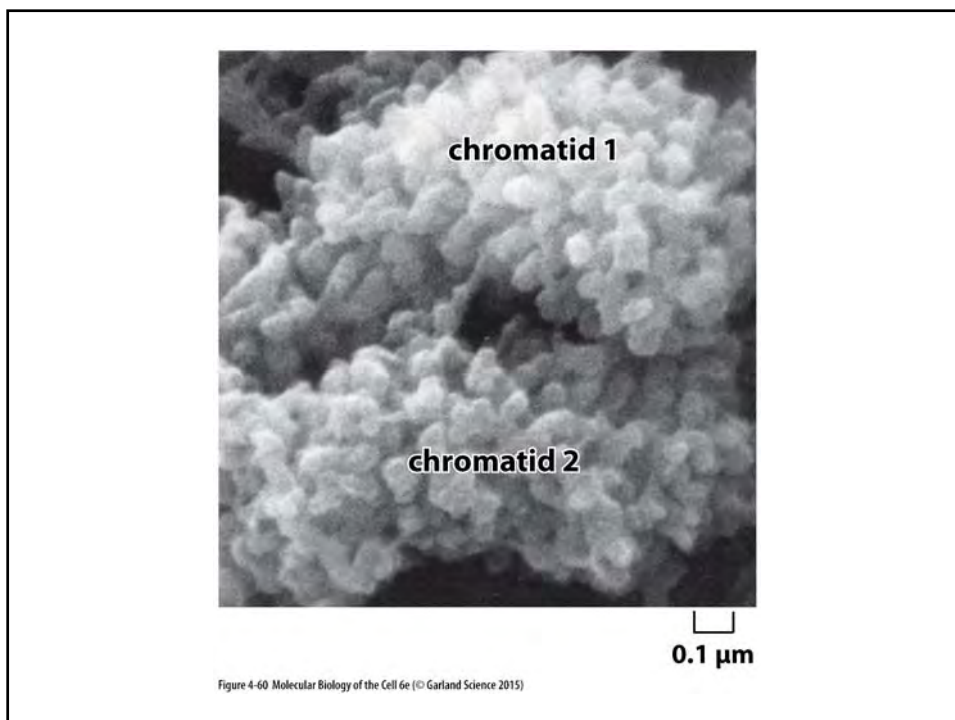
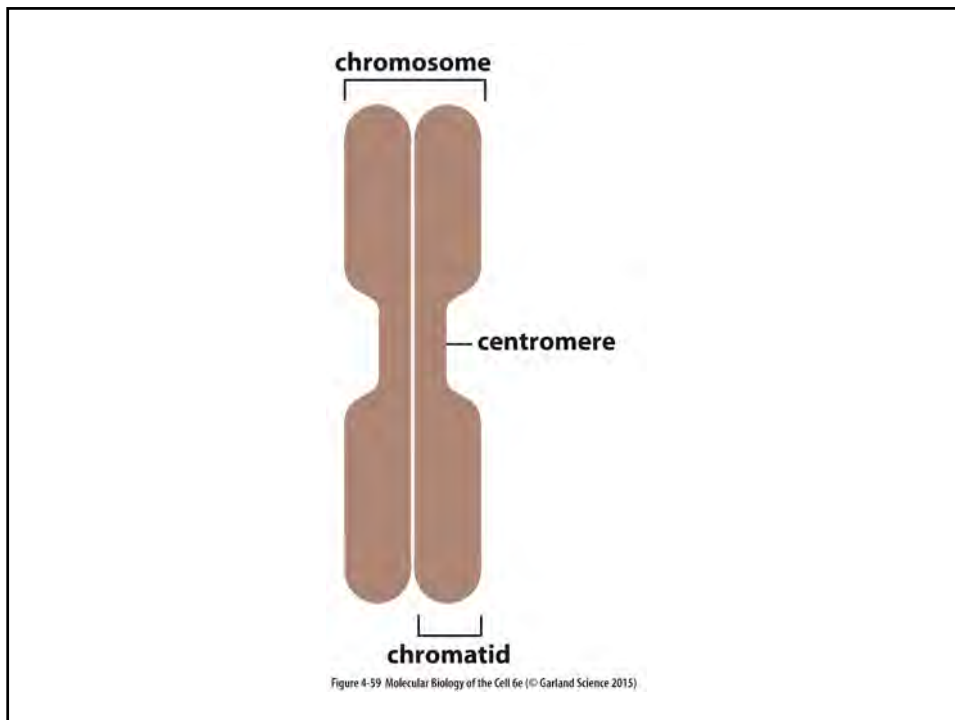
## Nucleus subcompartmentalization is selective and organized in 'gel'.

- Nucleolus: ribosomal RNA assembly RNAs
- Subcompartment forms only when needed
- Cajal bodies, interchromatin granule clusters
- Concentrate macromolecules RNA envelopes pores to local efficient reaction compartment
- Polypeptide tethering of proteins and RNA for increased efficiency; nuclear scaffold matrix
- Mitosis sister chromatids lined up, condensins (SMC dimers) use ATP to coil DNA into right handed loops, protect fragile DNA

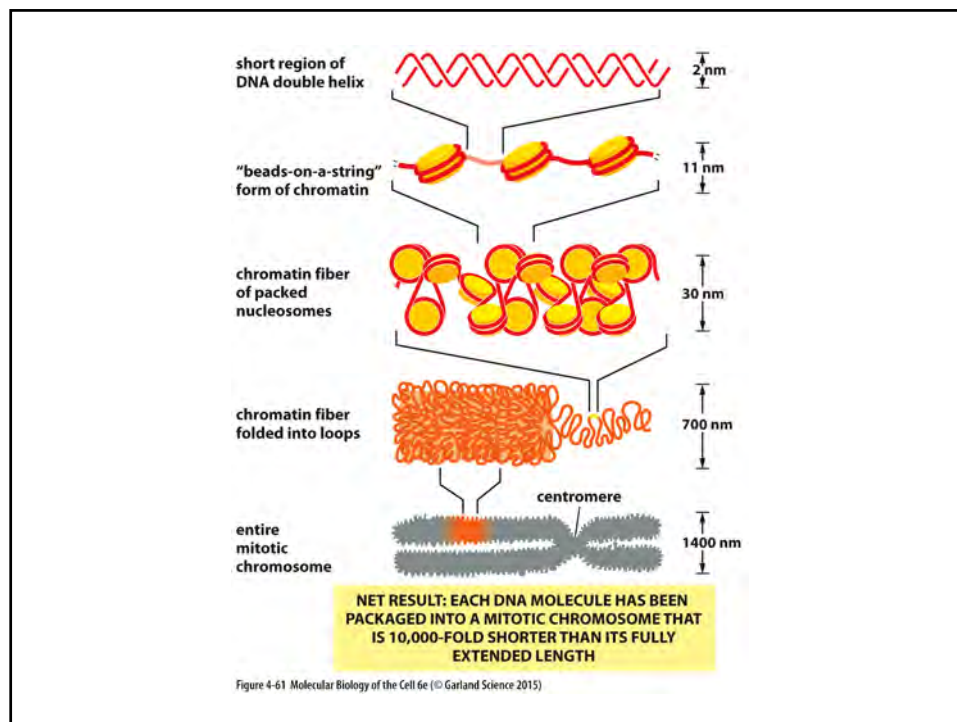








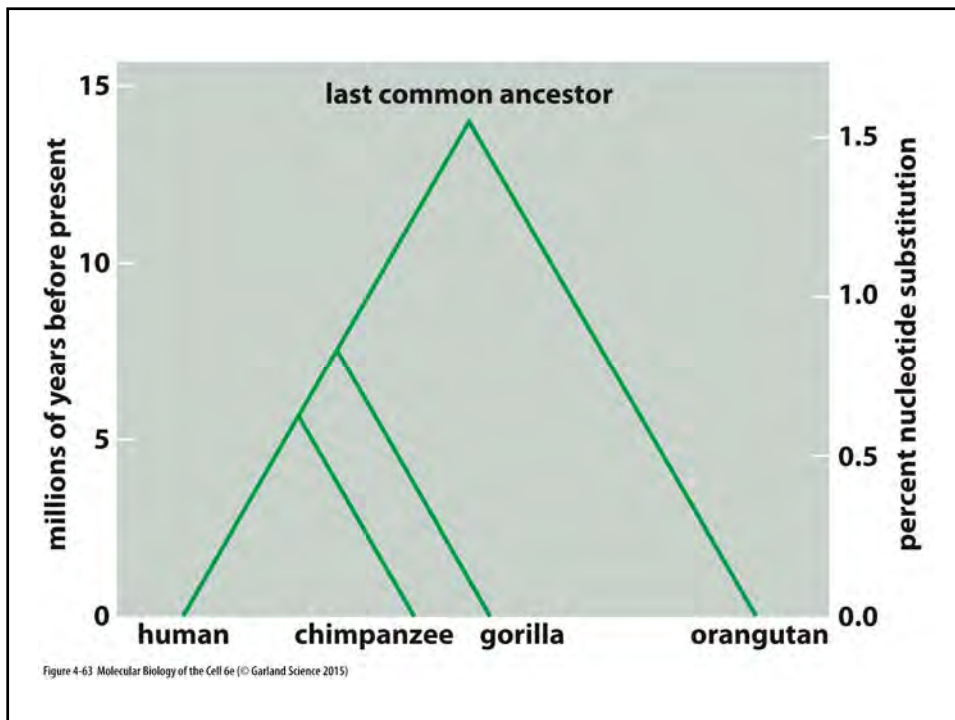
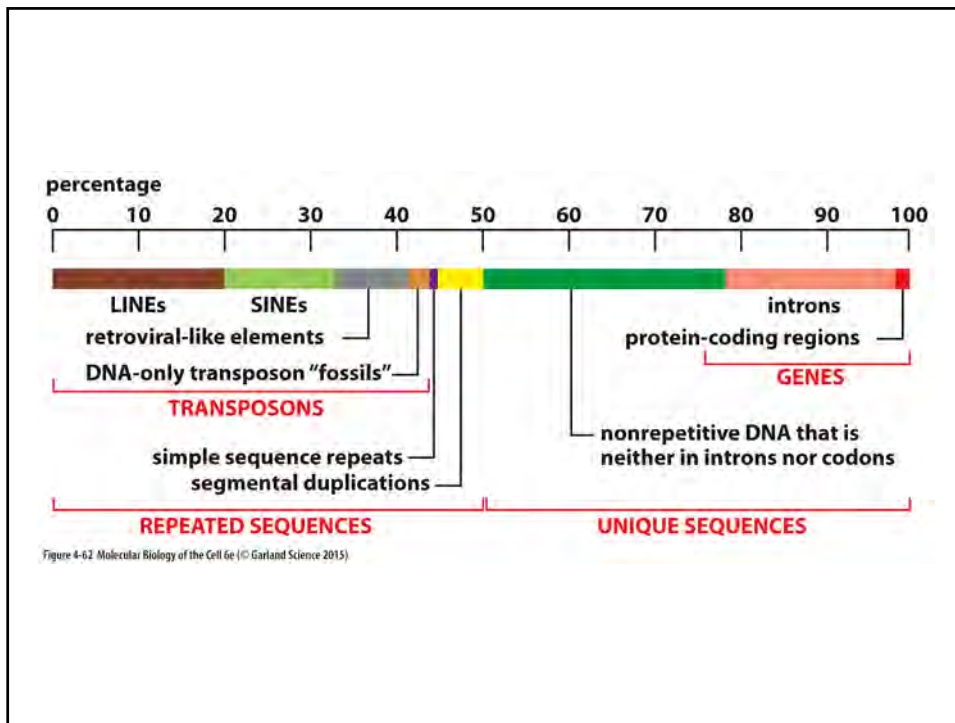


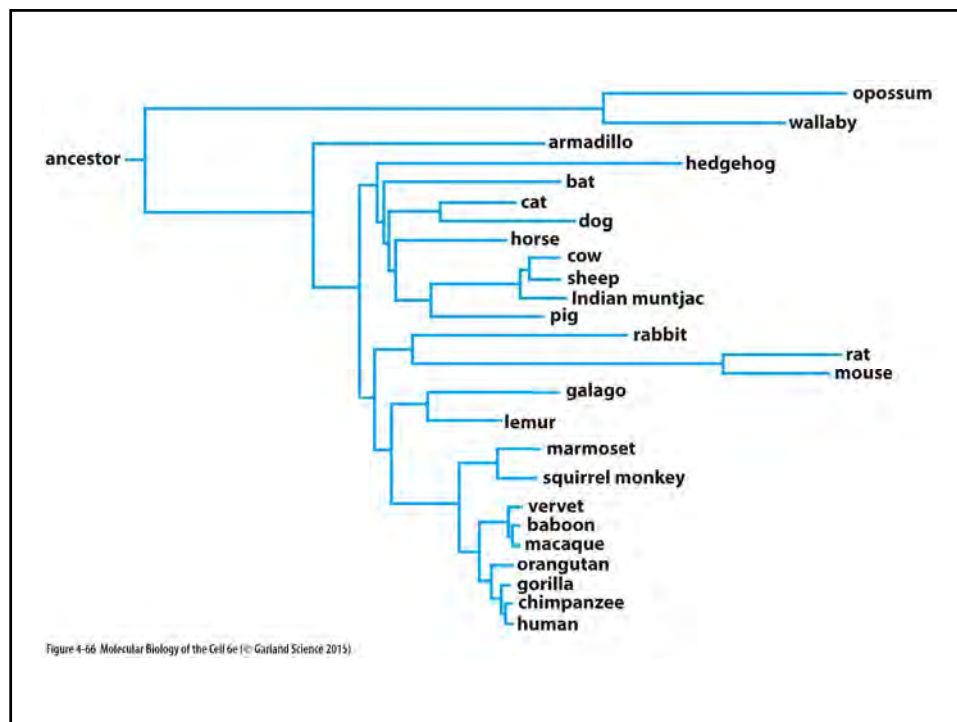


## Mutations in stable and unstable DNA sequences reveal phylogeneticity.

- Homologues to study human based on others
- Genome alterations from errors in replication, recombination, repair, or transposition (half?)
- Phylogenetic tree of species divergence
- Purifying selection eliminates indiv with mutations that interfere with critical functions
- Molecular clock fast on introns pseudogenes and slow on constrained genes; rapid change means positive selection; time resolution
- Genome size increase due mostly to transposons







## Speed of evolution of genes provides clues to evolutionary lineage.

- Mouse genome evolved faster, break-and-join to 20 chromosomes, synteny conserved order
- Rapid deletion and insertion, small amt coding
- DNA addition slow -> cleansing of *fugu* genome -> small introns but positions same
- Can infer ancient genomes of extinct species
- Multispecies conserved non-protein sequences are short, for untranslated RNA and regulation
- Human accelerated regions (HARs) fast changing seq that mark specifically human, neural develop



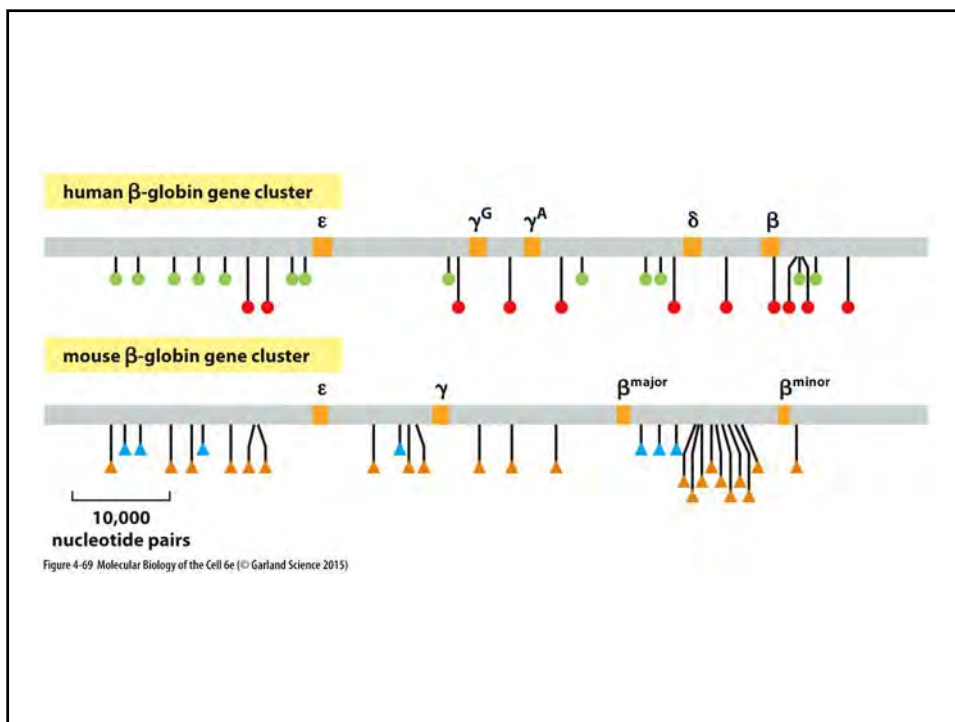
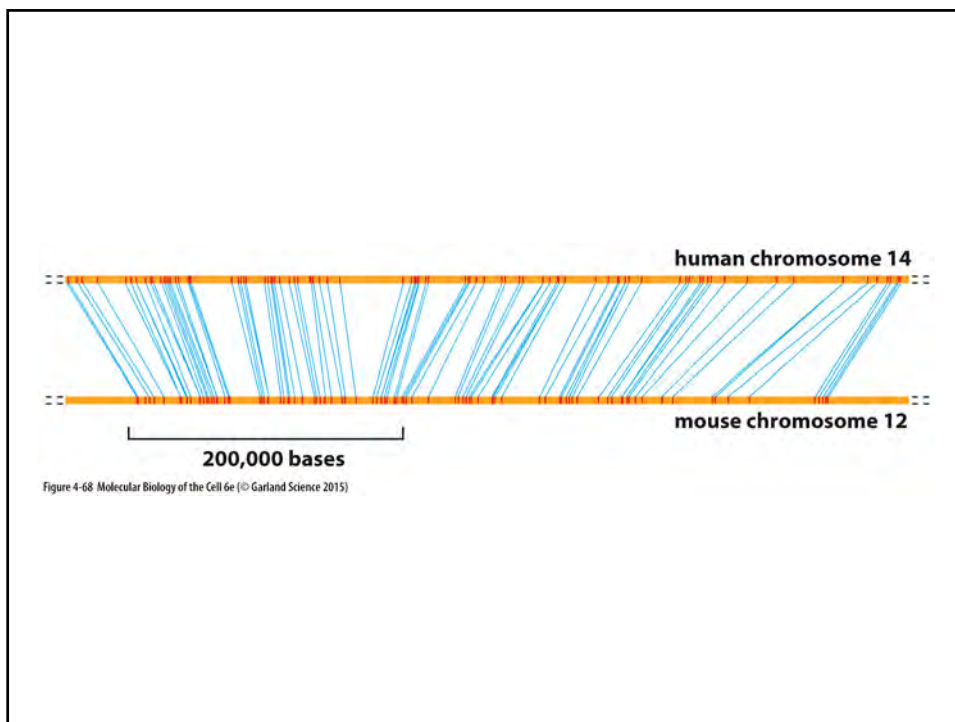




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Net DNA LOSS over time -> cleansing of only nonessential seq

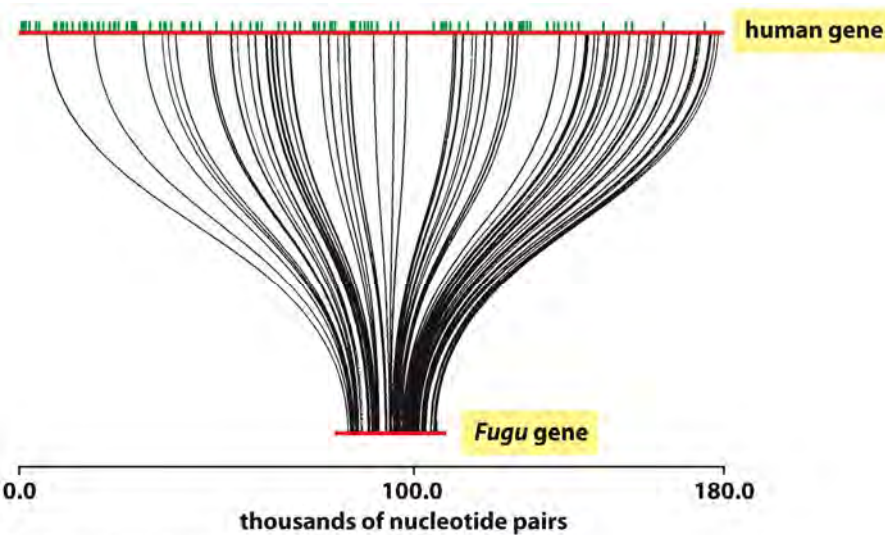
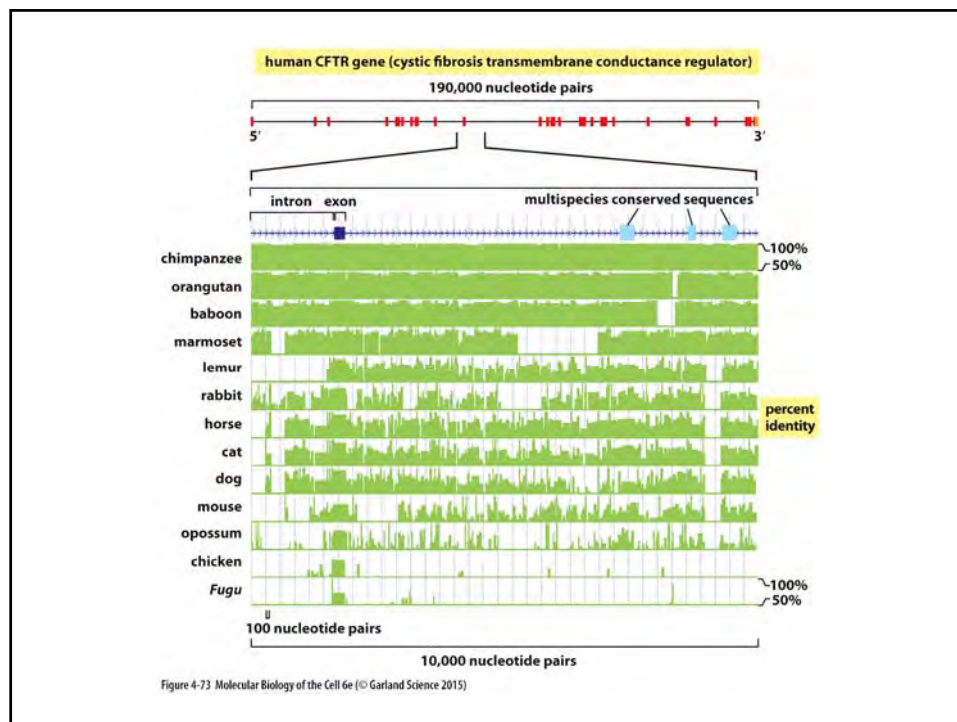


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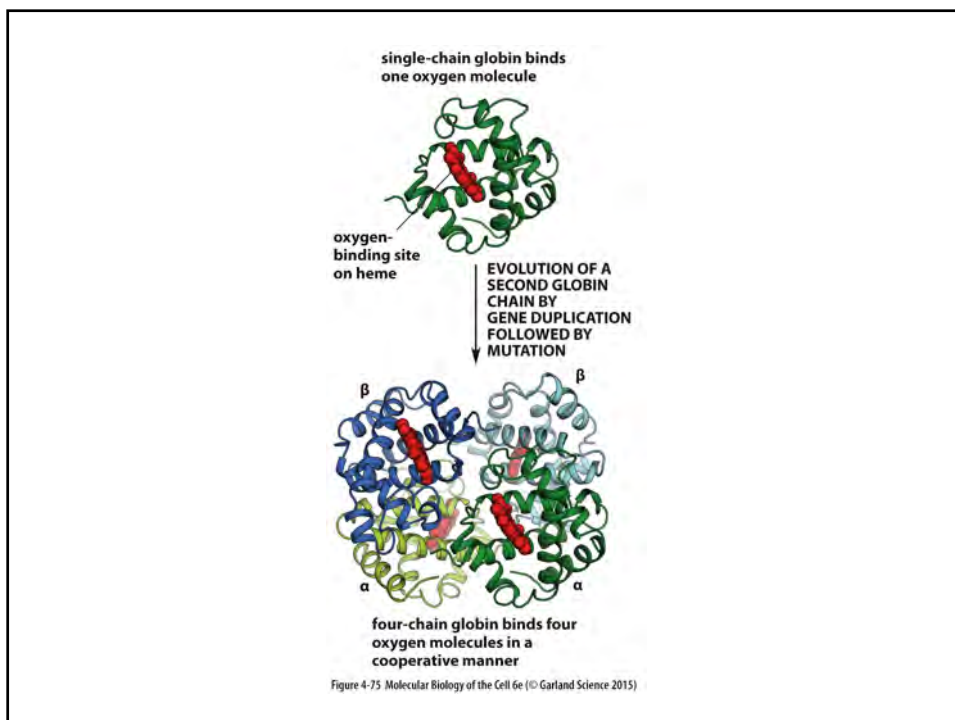
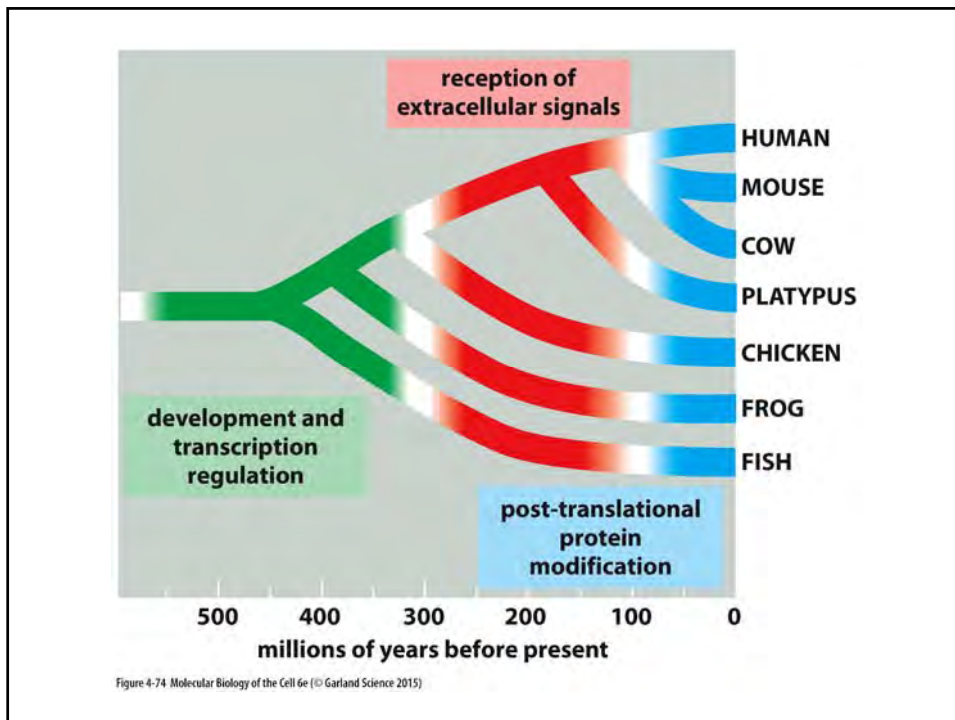


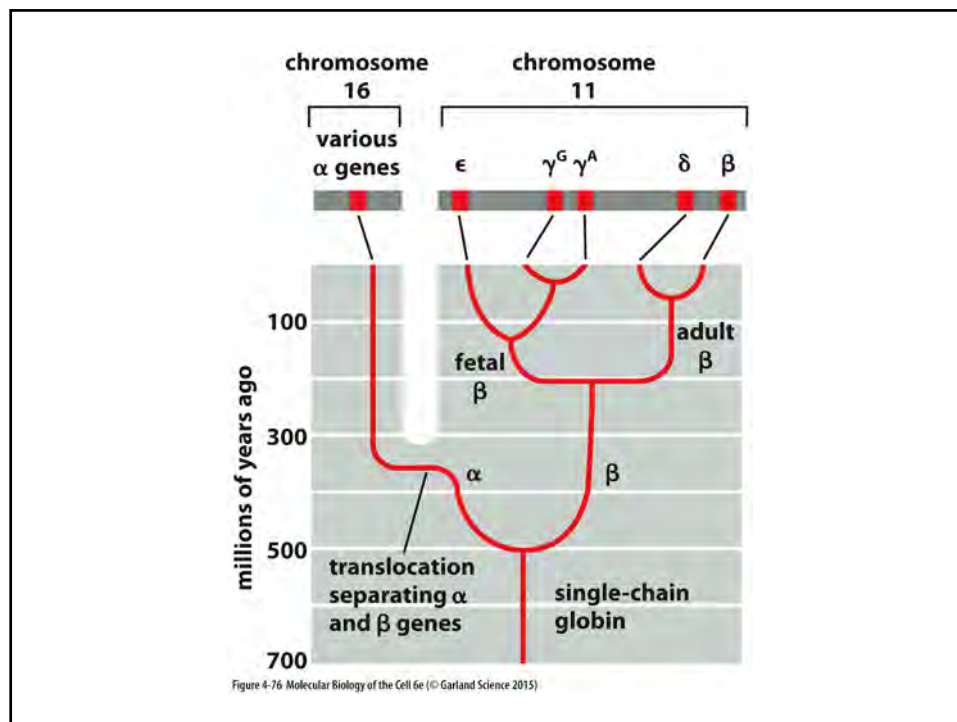
## Divergence by duplication and specialization in human genes.

- Gene duplication -> each take on diff function, lead to DNA addition biggest contribute to diff
- Duplicate and mutate one copy to noncoding pseudogene or diverge in expression pattern
- Whole genome duplication -> specialization (loss in diff type of tissue for each duplicate)
- Single chain to alpha and beta forms in globin gene -> more efficient, beta duplicate to form more tight gamma in infants, mutate again to eta and gamma forms for even earlier development, also changes in regulation, alpha on diff chrom









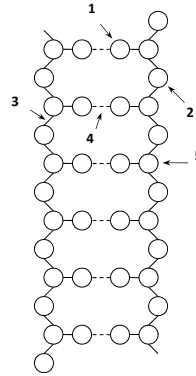
## Variations in DNA repeats contribute to diversity of indiv genomes.

- Recombination of exons break at intron ends
- Neutral mutations can spread slowly and be fixed modeled assuming constant population size and random mating
- Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) are points in human population where some have one others two nucleotides, polymorphic
- (CA) $n$  low fidelity repeats maintain variability



## Team work.

- What is indicated by (5) in the schematic drawing below of the DNA double helix?



- A. Phosphate group
- B. Covalent linkage
- C. Hydrogen-bonding
- D. Nitrogen-containing base
- E. Deoxyribose sugar

