11-4 Meiosis



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Chromosomes

- What are chromosomes?
 - Located in the nucleus
 - Contain our genetic information.





Homologous Chromosomes

- <u>Human body cells</u> have 46 chromosomes:
 - 23 come from MOM
 - 23 come from <u>DAD</u>
- HOMOLOGOUS CHROMOSOMES: have the same type of information, and are the same size.



Chromosome Number

- <u>DIPLOID CELLS</u>: cells that contain <u>2 sets</u> of homologous chromosomes.
 - the number of chromosomes in a diploid cell is represented by the symbol 2N.
 - For humans, the <u>diploid number (2N) is 46</u>.



Chromosome Number

- HAPLOID CELLS: cells that contain only one set of chromosomes.
 - the number of chromosomes in a haploid cell is represented by the symbol <u>N</u>.
 - For humans, the haploid number (N) is 23.



- <u>Somatic cells</u> = body cells
 (skin, hair, etc.)
- Gametes = <u>sex cells (egg,</u> <u>sperm)</u>.
 - Human gametes are haploid.
- Egg and sperm cells each contain <u>one set of 23</u>
 <u>chromosomes (23N)</u>



Gametes

Fertilization & Diploid Cells

<u>Egg cell + sperm cell \rightarrow fertilization = zygote</u>

haploid egg cell (N) + haploid sperm cell (N) = <u>DIPLOID (2N)</u>





Phases of Meiosis

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- Meiosis involves <u>two</u> <u>divisions:</u>
 - 1. meiosis l
 - 2. meiosis II
- By the end of meiosis II, the <u>diploid cell</u> that entered meiosis has become <u>4 haploid cells</u>.





Interphase I Prophase I Metaphase I Anaphase I Telophase I and Cytokinesis

Homologous chromosomes are pulled to opposite ends of the cell.

Interphase I

• DNA is copied.





Prophase I

<u>Homologous chromosomes</u> <u>pair up</u>.
Nuclear membrane

disappears.



<u>Prophase I</u>

 Homologous chromosomes exchange information = <u>crossing over.</u>

Crossing-over produces new mixtures of genes.



<u>Metaphase I</u>

 Homologous chromosomes <u>line up in</u> the middle of the cell.

 Spindle fibers attach to centromeres.



<u>Anaphase I</u>

•Spindle fibers <u>pull apart</u> <u>the homologous</u> <u>chromosomes</u> to opposite ends of the cell.



<u>Telophase I &</u> <u>Cytokinesis</u>

- Nuclear membranes form.
- The cell separates into two cells.
- THESE 2 CELLS ARE <u>NOT IDENTICAL</u>!





The 2 cells from Meiosis I enter another division: Meiosis II. Sister Chromatids are pulled to opposite sides of the cell.

<u>Prophase II</u>



• No replication of chromosomes.

<u>Metaphase II</u>

The chromosomes line up in the middle of cell.
 Anaphase II

• The sister chromatids separate and move apart to opposite ends of the cell.

Telophase II & Cytokinesis

- Meiosis II results in <u>four haploid (N) daughter</u> <u>cells</u>.
- Each cell has 23 chromosomes (for a human sex cell)

Gamete Formation

 In <u>male animals</u>, meiosis results in four equal-sized gametes called <u>sperm</u>.



Gamete Formation

- In many <u>female</u> animals, <u>only one egg results</u> from meiosis.
- The other three cells, called **polar bodies**, are thought to provide nutrition to the egg.

