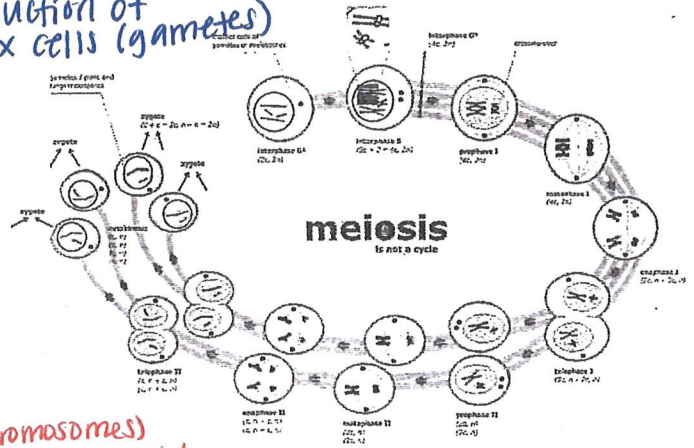


### Unit 5, Topic 3: Meiosis

By the end of this topic, you should be able to...

- Compare and contrast sexual and asexual reproduction
- Illustrate meiosis I and meiosis II
- Explain fertilization of eukaryotic cells
- Explain production of egg and sperm cells
- Explain nondisjunction and read a karyotype

production of sex cells (gametes)



Meiosis does two things

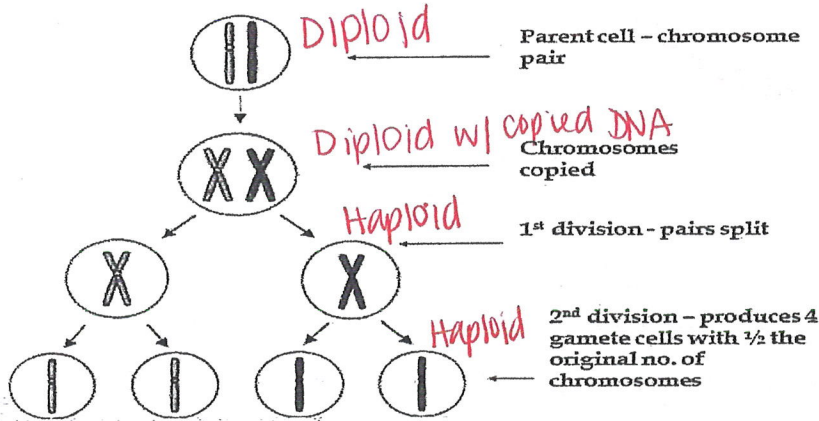
$2n \rightarrow n$

- 1) Meiosis takes a cell with two copies of every chromosome (diploid /  $2n$ ) and makes cells with a single copy of every chromosome (Haploid /  $n$ ). Haploid = half the DNA of diploid (chromosomes)
- In meiosis, one diploid cells produces \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Meiosis scrambles the specific forms of each gene that each sex cell (egg or sperm) receives.
  - This makes for a lot of genetic diversity. This trick is accomplished through independent assortment and crossing over.
  - Genetic diversity is important for the evolution of populations and species. -

Why do we need Meiosis?

- Meiosis is necessary to halve in humans,  $46 \rightarrow 23$  the number of chromosomes going into the sex cells
- Why halve the chromosomes in gametes?
  - At fertilization the male and female sex cells will provide  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the chromosomes each -

Offspring receives genes from both parents Humans = 23 mom's egg + 23 dad's sperm = 46 (fertilized egg)



Humans = 23 mom's egg + 23 dad's sperm = 46 (fertilized egg)

Meiosis I: separate Homologous chromosomes (genes are the same on chromosomes)

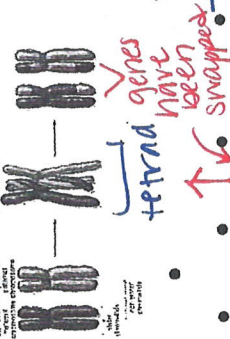
- interphase ( $G_1, S, G_2$ ) (THIS ONLY HAPPENS BEFORE MEIOSIS I, NOT IN BETWEEN I AND II)
  - DNA is replicated
  - The result is two genetically identical sister chromatids which remain attached at their centromeres



reduction division

there are 2 rounds of division, so always include a number w/ stage name

Prophase I



- During this phase each pair of chromatids don't move to the equator alone, they match up with their homologous pair and fasten together (synapsis) in a group of four called a tetrad
- Extremely IMPORTANT!!! crossing over happens here AND ONLY EVER HERE!

Metaphase I

- Crossing Over is the exchange of segments during synapsis.
- The chromosomes line up at the equator attached by their centromeres to spindle fibers from centrioles.
- Still in homologous pairs

Anaphase I

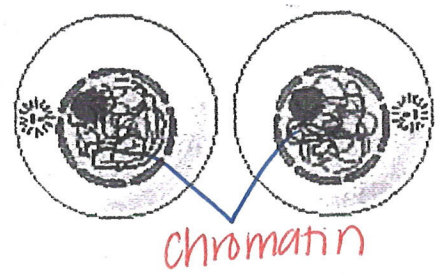
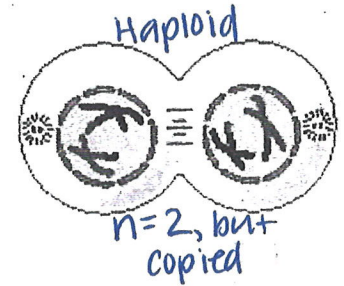
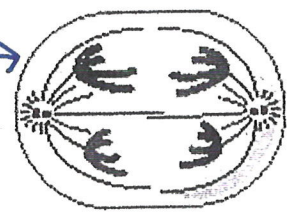
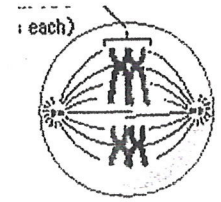
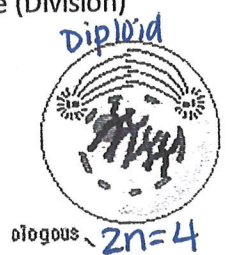
- The spindle guides the movement of the chromosomes toward the poles
- 1. sister chromatids remain attached keeping any genes that were exchanged
- 2. Move as a unit towards the same pole
- The homologous chromosome moves toward the opposite pole

Telophase I

- This is the end of the first meiotic cell division.
- The cytoplasm divides, forming TWO daughter cells - NOT genetically identical
- Each of the newly formed cells has half of of the parent cell's chromosomes, but each chromosome is already replicated ready for the second meiotic cell division

Cytokinesis

- Occurs simultaneously with telophase I
- 1. Forms 2 daughter cells
- Plant cells - cell plate
- Animal cells - cleavage furrow
- NO FURTHER REPLICATION OF GENETIC MATERIAL PRIOR TO THE SECOND DIVISION OF MEIOSIS



Meiosis II :

separates SISTER CHROMATIDS (becoming individual chromosomes)  
There is no Interphase II!!!

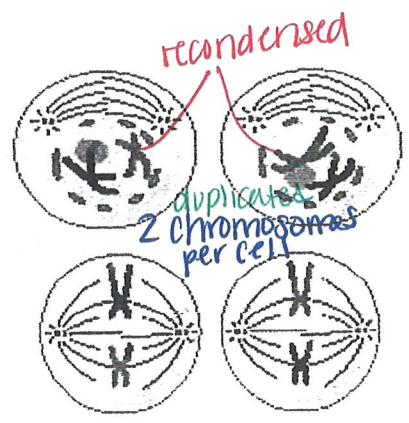
looks like mitosis

Prophase II

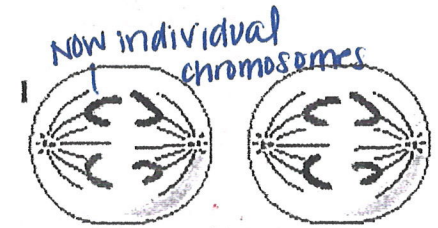
- Each of the daughter cells forms a spindle, and the double stranded chromosomes move toward the equator

Metaphase II

- The chromosomes are positioned on the metaphase plate in a mitosis-like fashion



- Anaphase II
  - The centromeres of sister chromatids finally separate
  - The sister chromatids of each pair move toward opposite poles



- 1. Now individual chromosomes
- Telophase II / cytokinesis
  - Nuclei form at opposite poles of the cell and cytokinesis occurs
  - After completion of cytokinesis there are four daughter cells

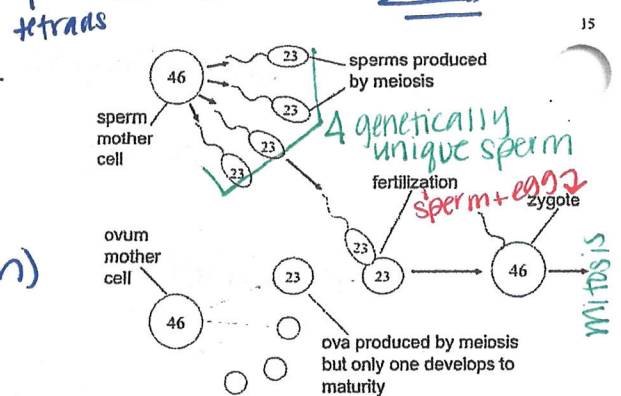


- 1. All are haploid (n) = one set of chromosomes
- One Way Meiosis Makes Lots of Different Sex Cells (Gametes) – Independent assortment
  - Independent assortment produces  $2^n$  distinct gametes, where n = the number of unique chromosomes.
  - In humans, n = 23 and  $2^{23} = 8,000,000$ .
- Another Way Meiosis Makes Lots of Different Sex Cells – Crossing over
  - Crossing-over multiplies the already huge number of different gamete types produced by independent assortment.
  - Swapping genes is known as a Crossing over
  - Crossovers occur while the homologous chromosomes are paired in PROPHASE I ONLY

**Meiosis Summary**

genesis = origin or formation

- Sex cells divide to produce Gametes (sperm or egg).
- Gametes have HALF the # of chromosomes. (haploid)
- Occurs only in gonads (testes or ovaries).
  - Male: Spermatogenesis (testes-sperm)
  - Female: Oogenesis (ovaries-egg)
- Meiosis is similar to mitosis with some chromosomal differences

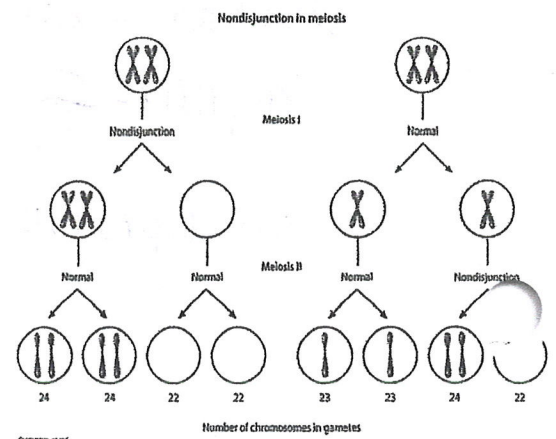


**Fertilization**

- The fusion of a sperm and egg to form a Zygote.
- A zygote is a fertilized egg = diploid

**Nondisjunction**

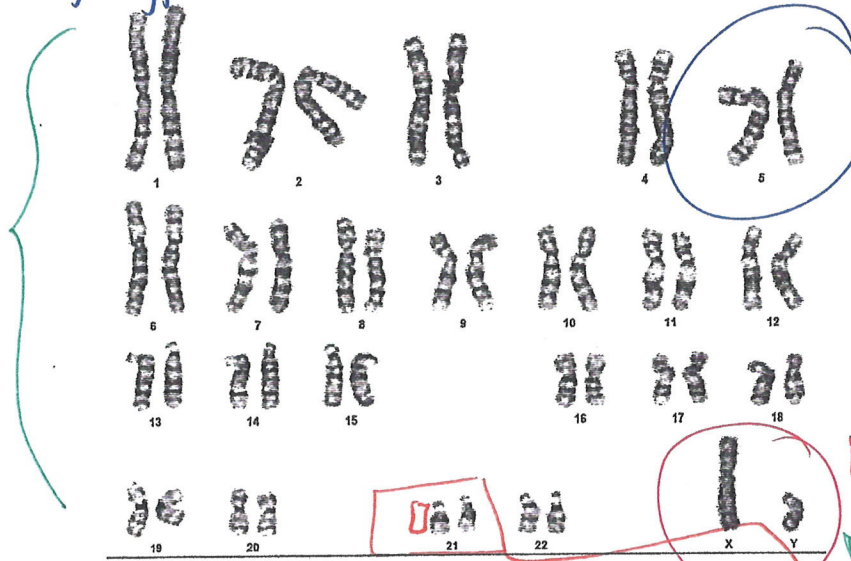
- Occurs when chromosomes fail to separate.
- Can occur during anaphase I or anaphase II of Meiosis
- Result: eggs or sperm with the incorrect number of chromosomes
- If the mutated egg or sperm is fertilized, the child will have abnormalities.



- Note: It may also occur in anaphase of mitosis, but usually the abnormal cells die and the whole organism is not affected.

- TRISOMY: Each cell has an **extra** chromosome ( $tri = 3$ )
- MONOSOMY: Each cell has **one less** chromosome ( $mono = 1$ )
- Karyotype: can detect chromosomal abnormalities

Karyotype  
A picture of all  
chromosomes in an  
organism



Should be  
2 chromosomes  
at each  
location  
↓ one from mom  
one from dad  
last pair =  
sex chromosomes  
XX = female  
XY = male

- Chromosomes are photographed, cut, and matched based on size

Examples of Nondisjunction

- Trisomy 21 → Down Syndrome
- Trisomy 13 → Patau Syndrome
- Turner Syndrome → only has an X in pair 23 (missing another sex chromosome)
- Klinefelter Syndrome → has XXY (an extra sex chromosome)

Trisomy 21

DO ON OWN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Cell Cycle (Division)

[[Language Target for Topic 3: I can create a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast sexual and asexual reproduction; I can diagram the stages of Meiosis I and provide written descriptions for each stage; I can diagram the stages of Meiosis II and provide written descriptions for each stage; I can explain how meiosis creates egg and sperm cells; I can locate an abnormality on a karyotype and explain how nondisjunction caused it.]]

1. Complete the following table comparing sexual and asexual reproduction:

|  | Asexual Reproduction |           | Sexual Reproduction |           |
|--|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Number of parents                            |                      |           |                     |           |
| Genetic info compared to the parents         | Same                 | Different | Same                | Different |
| Complexity of organism that uses this method | Simple               | Complex   | Simple              | Complex   |
| Example of an organism that uses this method |                      |           |                     |           |

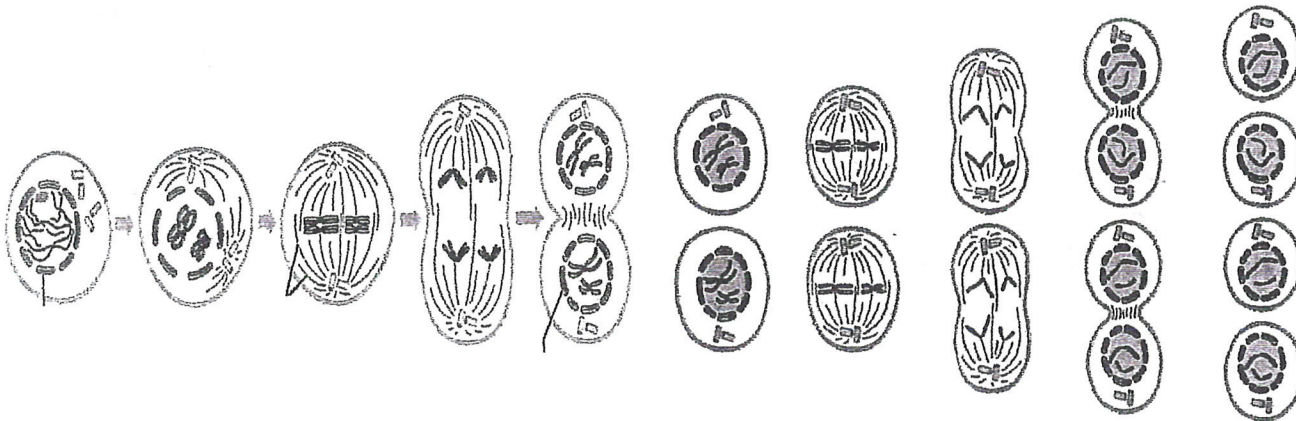
Provide an advantage for asexual reproduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide an advantage for sexual reproduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a disadvantage for asexual reproduction: \_\_\_\_\_

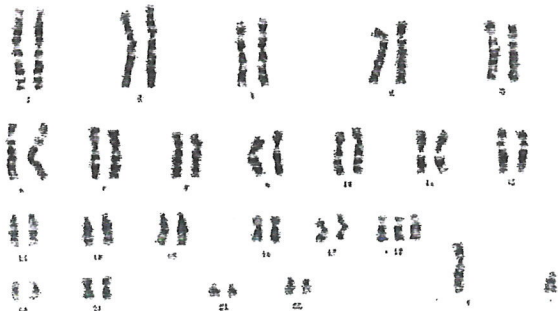
Provide a disadvantage for sexual reproduction: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Label each stage of meiosis in the following diagrams:



3. Why must egg and sperm cells be haploid?

4. Analyze the following karyotype:



Sex of individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Normal/Trisomy/Monosomy: \_\_\_\_\_

If tri- or monosomy, on which chromosome? \_\_\_\_\_