

Phylogenies & History of Life

PHYLOGENY: hypothesis abt evolutionary relationships, built as trees

Molecular Clocks: estimates the absolute time of evolutionary change based on mutation rates and fossils (limited bc mut. rates vary)

NOTE: Show patterns of descent NOT levels of advancement and similarity does not always mean close relatedness

Fossil Record: shows macroevolutionary changes in history of life and reveals extinct species, transitional forms, and timing of major events

Tree Parts: Root, Node, Branch, Sister taxa

Origin of Life: earth started with little oxygen but lots of water vapor

Sister Taxa: two lineages that share a more recent common ancestor

processes could make simple cells in 4 stages (hypotheses)

Basal taxon: branch diverges out from all other ones

1) RNA (RNA as genetic material and a catalyst)

Monophyletic (Clade): ancestor + all descendants

2) Synthesis of macromolecules

Paraphyletic: ancestor + some descendants

3) Protocells (with lipid membranes)

Polyphyletic: distantly related without common ancestor

4) Abiotic Synthesis

Homology: similar by shared ancestry

Analogy: similar by convergent evolution

Homoplasy: similar not due to ancestry

Orthologous Genes: speciation, different species

Paralogous Genes: gene duplication, within species

Viruses & Vaccines

Viruses: acellular infectious agents that exist between living and nonliving

Viruses Classified By: type of nucleic acid, single vs double stranded, RNA sense (+ or -), presence of envelope

WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY ARE ALIVE

Retroviruses: single stranded RNA genome that uses reverse transcription to copy its genome into DNA called PROVIRUS

WHY NOT LIVING: cannot keep homeostasis, cannot reproduce without host, does not grow or respond to stimuli on own

Lysogenic: dormancy without destruction

Genome: DNA or RNA (not both)

Lytic: immediate destruction

Capsid: protein coat that protects genome, built from capsomeres

Capsid Shapes: icosahedron (sphere), helical (rod), complex (bacteriophages)

Envelope (optional): lipid bilayer from host cell membrane, viral glycoproteins

Bacteriophages: infect bacteria, elongated head with DNA and protein tail, best understood of viruses

How vaccines work: mimics the process of antigen exposure in a safe way. antigen presenting cells take up antigens and present immune cells, T & B cells respond

PLANTS (cont)

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Plant Form & Physiology Plant Organs •
 Roots: anchor, absorb water/minerals, storage • Stems: support, transport •
 Leaves: photosynthesis Tissue Types •
 Dermal: protection (epidermis, cuticle) •
 Ground: photosynthesis, storage, support o
 Parenchyma (metabolism) o Collenchyma (flexible support) o Sclerenchyma (rigid, lignin) • Vascular: o Xylem → water/minerals (dead cells) o Phloem → sugars (living cells)
 Transport • Transpiration: water loss through stomata • Cohesion-tension theory: pulls water upward in xylem • Pressure-flow hypothesis: sugars move source → sink in phloem Stomata • Controlled by guard cells • Open for gas exchange, close to prevent water loss Plant Hormones • Auxin: elongation, phototropism • Gibberellin: growth, germination • Cytokinin: cell division, delays aging • Ethylene: fruit ripening • ABA: dormancy, stress response Seedless Plants General Traits • No seeds or pollen • Reproduce by spores • Require water for fertilization • Alternation of generations Bryophytes (Nonvascular) • Mosses, liverworts • No true roots/stems/leaves • Gametophyte-dominant • Small, moist habitats Seedless Vascular Plants • Ferns, horsetails • Have xylem & phloem • Sporophyte-dominant • Larger size Life Cycle • Sporophyte (2n) → spores • Gametophyte (n) → gametes • Fertilization → zygote → sporophyte Seed Plants Key Innovations • Seeds: protect embryo + food supply • Pollen: reproduction without water • Reduced gametophyte • Dominant sporophyte Gymnosperms • Naked seeds (cones) • Wind pollination • Conifers, cycads Angiosperms • Flowering plants • Seeds enclosed in fruit • Double fertilization o Zygote + endosperm Flower Parts • Sepals: protect • Petals: attract pollinators • Stamen: male • Carpel/Pistil: female Monocots vs Eudicots • Monocots: 1 cotyledon, parallel veins, flower parts in 3s • Eudicots: 2 cotyledons, net veins, flower parts in 4s/5s