## Cheatography

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helicases- untwist double helix topoisomerase- breaks, swivels, & rejoins primer- initial stretch of RNA DNA polymerases- adds nucleotides





histones make up nucleosomes

### Transcription



-RNA polymerase synthesizes RNA
-promoter initiates, terminator
(bacteria)/polyadenylation sequence
(eukaryotes) ends
-TATA box= crucial to initiation complex
-mods: 5' cap, poly-A tail, RNA splicing



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### Translation



initiation factors- bring components together w/GTP

elongation factors- add amino acids to chain release factors- binds to A site codon &

hydrolyzes bond in P site

processing: protein folding & mods

Mutations	
base-pair substitutio ns	replacement of nucleotide w/another; silent=no effect, missense=change 1 amino acid, nonsense=changes amino acid codon to stop codon
insertions & deletions	additions or losses of nucleotide pairs

Regulation of Genes		
operon	stretch of DNA required for enzyme production (repressible & inducible)	
repressor	blocks attachment of RNA polymerase	
corepress or	cooperates w/repressor to turn operon off	
activator	stimulates transcription (ex: cAMP)	
miRNA, siRNA	degrades target mRNA, blocks translation	

#### Biotechnology restriction cut DNA sequences at enzymes palindrome restriction sites seals breaks ligase vector vehicle of DNA to replace or express genetic material Polymerase produces copies of DNA w/o Chain cells Reaction cDNA DNA produced w/ reverse transcriptase

Viruses	
capsid	protein coat, made of capsomeres
lytic cycle	phage enters cell, takes control, replicates, lyses cell
lysogenic cycle	viruses replicate w/o destroying host
prophage	dormant virus within host genome
retrovirus	synthesize cDNA from RNA w/ reverse transcriptase

Bacteria	
binary fission	asexual reproduction (variation w/mutation)
transfor mation	recombination of pieces of DNA into a live bacterium
transduct ion	bacteriophages carry genes host- host
plasmid	foreign, small, circular, self- replicating DNA
conjugati on	F plasmid produces sex pilli, allow DNA to transfer

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