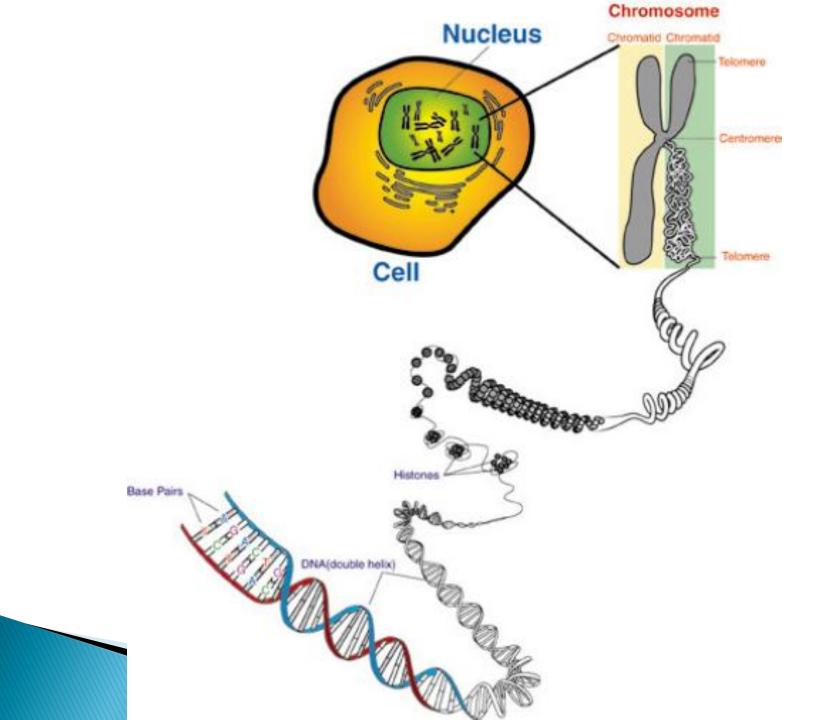
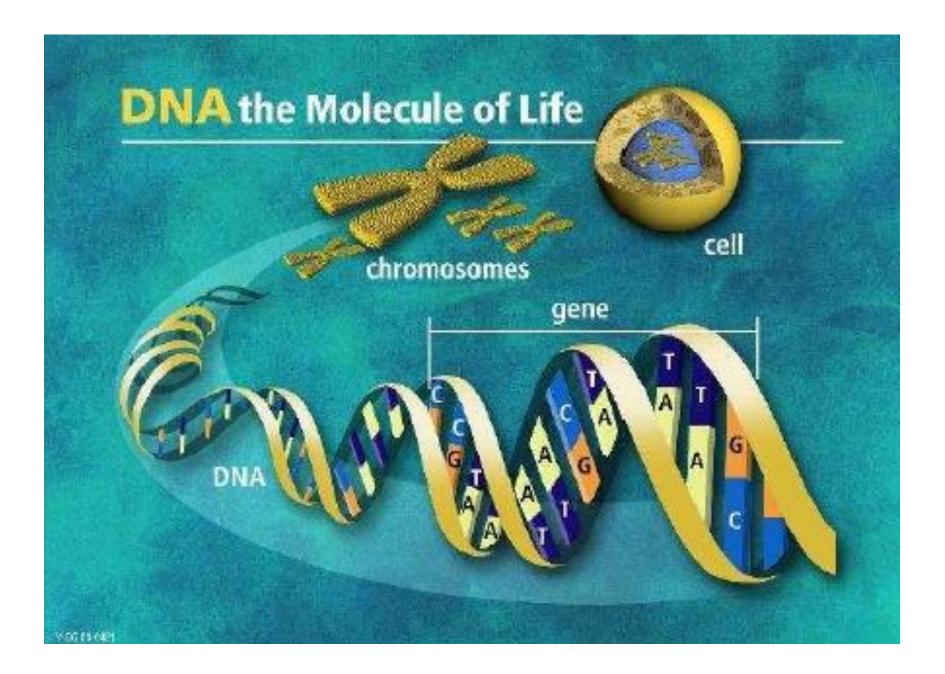
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# Chromosomes

- Chromosomes are made up of Proteins and DNA
- DNA carries the genetic information
- This information is similar to digital information





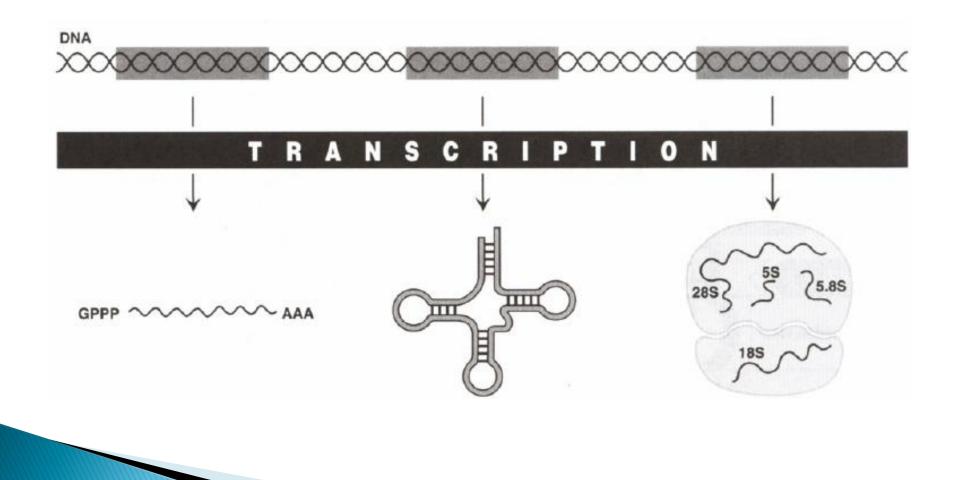
# **Essential Molecules**

 Proteins make up the cell matrix as well as carry out all biochemical reactions which sustain life as we know it
 So DNA & Proteins are both essential molecules of life

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# RNA (Ribonucleic Acid) DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid)

### RNA



### DNA

# The carrier of genetic information for all complex organisms.

 Long polymer consisting of 4 bases

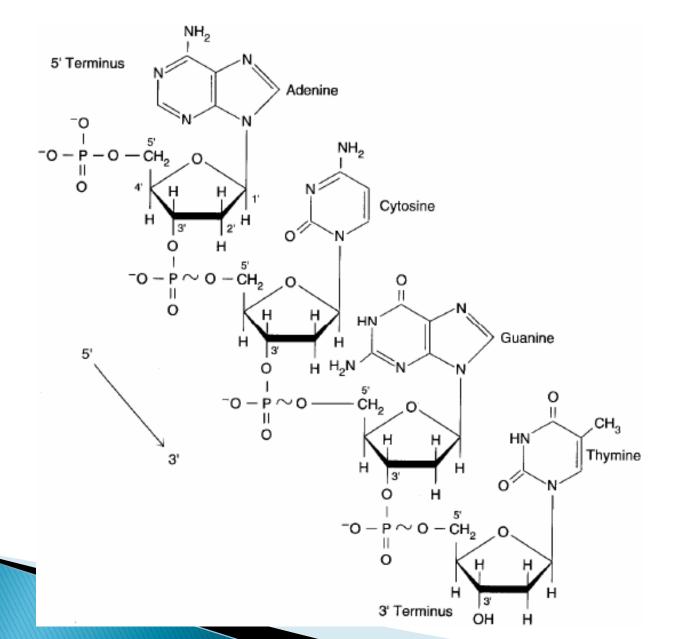
### Base, Nucleoside & Nucleotide

• Nitrogenous bases:

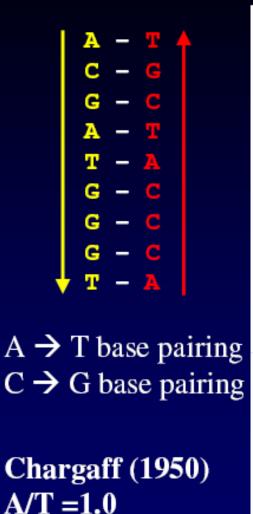
Adenine Guanine Cytosin Thymine uracil

- Nucleoside: Base + Sugar
- Nucleotide: Base + Sugar + Phosphate

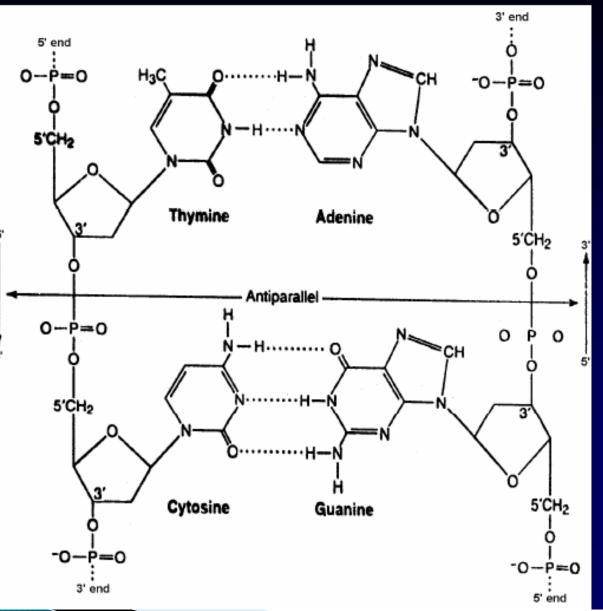
#### **DNA Chain**

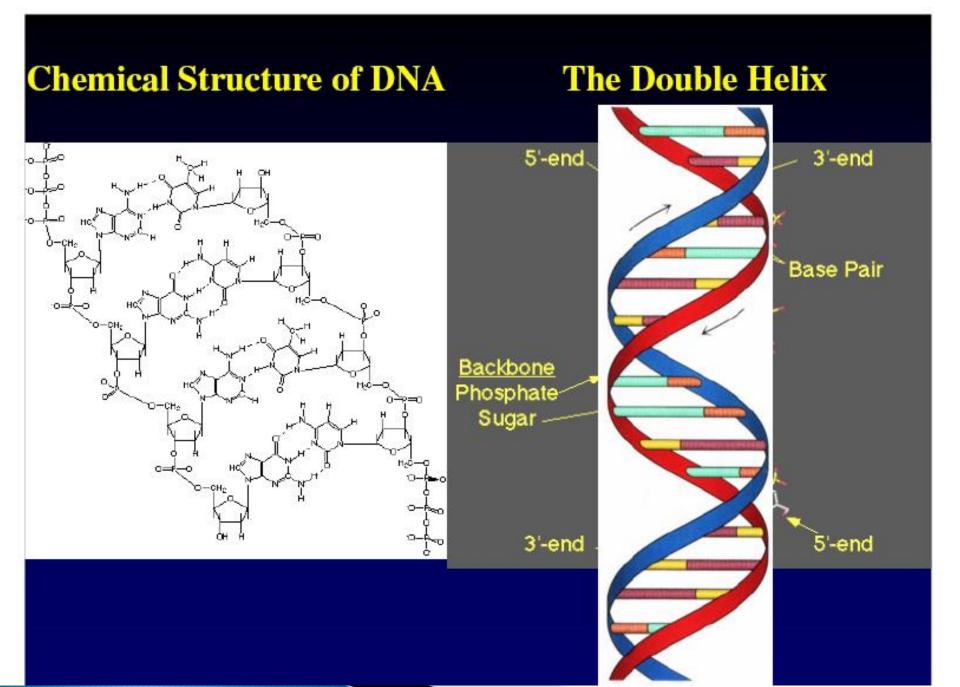


#### **Base pairing in DNA double helix**



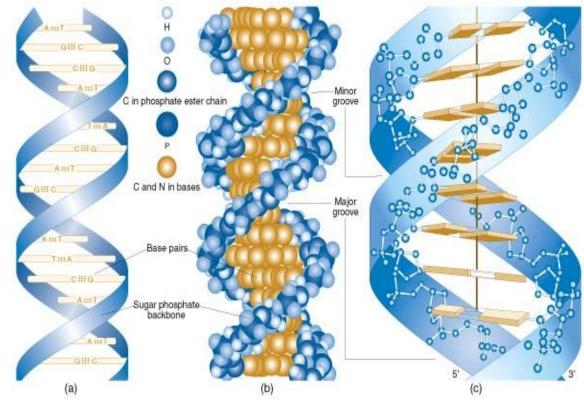
G/C = 1.0





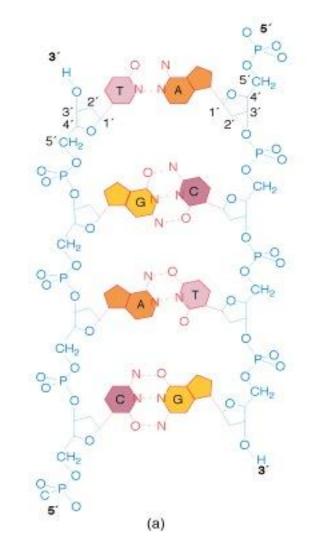
# The Double Helix

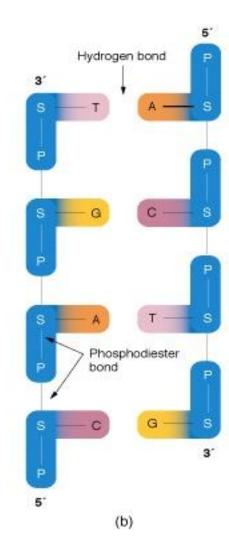
DNA molecules usually consist of two strands arranged in the famous double helix

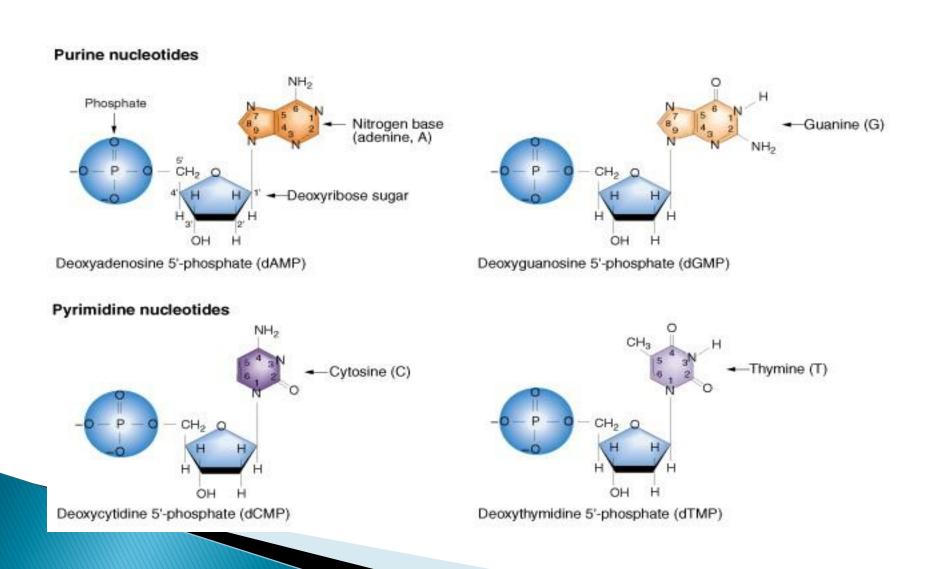


# Watson-Crick Base Pairs

A bonds to TC bonds to G

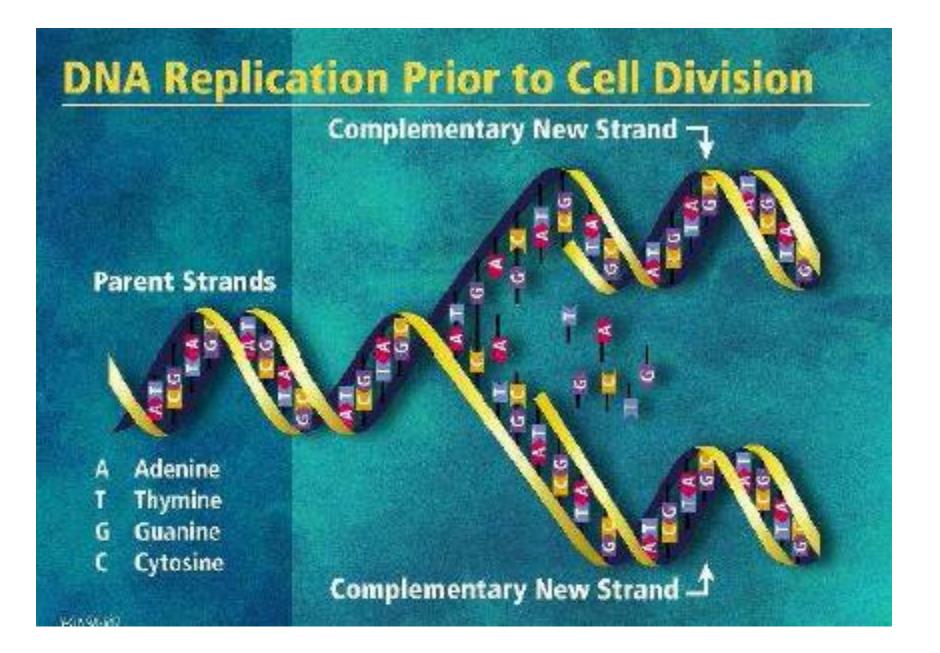






# The Double Helix

- each strand of DNA has a "direction"
  - at one end, the terminal carbon atom in the backbone is the 5' carbon atom of the terminal sugar
  - at the other end, the terminal carbon atom is the 3' carbon atom of the terminal sugar
- therefore we can talk about the 5' and the 3' ends of a DNA strand
- in a double helix, the strands are antiparallel (arrows drawn from the 5' end to the 3' end go in opposite directions)



# RNA

#### RNA is like DNA except:

- backbone is a little different
- usually single stranded
- the base uracil (U) is used in place of thymine (T)
- a strand of RNA can be thought of as a string composed of the four letters: A, C, G, U