## Cell Structure & Function

http://koning.ecsu.ctstateu.edu/cell/cell.html

## **Cell Theory**

- All living things are made up of cells.
- Cells are the smallest working units of all living things.
- All cells come from preexisting cells through cell division.

#### **Definition of Cell**

A cell is the smallest unit that is capable of performing life functions.



## **Two Types of Cells**

- Prokaryotic
- Eukaryotic

## Prokaryotic

- Do not have structures surrounded by membranes
- Few internal structures
- One-celled organisms, Bacteria



## Eukaryotic

- Contain <u>organelles</u> surrounded by membranes
- Most living organisms



http://library.thinkquest.org/C004535/eukaryotic\_cells.html

## "Typical" Animal Cell



http://web.jjay.cuny.edu/~acarpi/NSC/images/cell.gif

## "Typical" Plant Cell



http://waynesword.palomar.edu/images/plant3.gif

# **Cell Parts**

Organelles

#### **Surrounding the Cell**

#### **Cell Membrane**



- Outer membrane of cell that controls movement in and out of the cell
- Double layer

## **Cell Wall**



- Most commonly found in plant cells & bacteria
- Supports & protects cells

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#### **Inside the Cell**

#### Nucleus

- Directs cell activities
- Separated from cytoplasm by nuclear membrane
- Contains genetic material DNA

#### **Nuclear Membrane**

- Surrounds nucleus
- Made of two layers
- Openings allow material to enter and leave nucleus



#### Chromosomes



- In nucleus
- Made of DNA
- Contain instructions for traits & characteristics

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#### Nucleolus

- Inside nucleus
- Contains RNA to build proteins



## Cytoplasm

- Gel-like mixture
- Surrounded by cell membrane
- Contains hereditary material

## **Endoplasmic Reticulum**



- Moves materials around in cell
- Smooth type: lacks ribosomes
- Rough type (pictured): ribosomes embedded in surface

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#### Ribosomes

- Each cell contains thousands
- Make proteins
- Found on ribosomes & floating throughout the cell



## Mitochondria

- Produces energy through chemical reactions – breaking down fats & carbohydrates
- Controls level of water and other materials in cell
- Recycles and decomposes proteins, fats, and carbohydrates



## **Golgi Bodies**

- Protein 'packaging plant'
- Move materials within the cell
- Move materials out of the cell



#### Lysosome

- Digestive 'plant' for proteins, fats, and carbohydrates
- Transports undigested material to cell membrane for removal
- Cell breaks down if
  lysosome explodes



#### Vacuoles

- Membrane-bound sacs for storage, digestion, and waste removal
- Contains water solution
- Help plants maintain shape



## Chloroplast

- Usually found in plant cells
- Contains green
  chlorophyll
- Where photosynthesis takes place

