

# Homologous Chromosomes

#### Homologous chromosomes

- same length
- must carry genes for the same characteristics but do not have to carry the same traits
- one from each parent.

## Characteristic vs Trait

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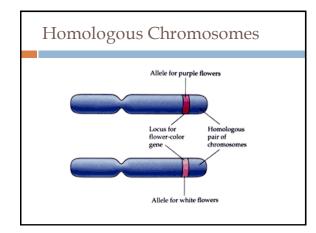
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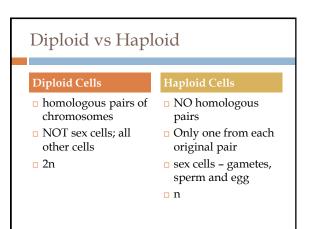
## □ 5′4, 6′3, etc.

□ Hair color

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- Blood type
- Brown, blonde, red, auburn, etc.
- Type A, Type B,
- Type O, Type AB

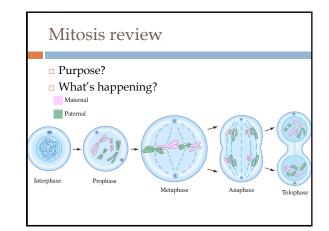


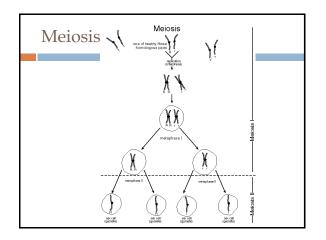


# How do we make sex cells with only ½ of our chromosomes?

## MEIOSIS!!

- special cell division that makes sex cells with half of the number of chromosomes.
- has two complete divisions → makes 4 cells each time



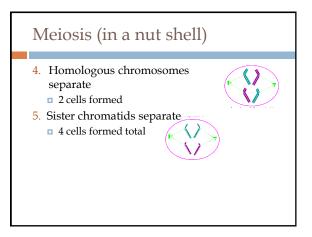


# Purpose of Meiosis Reduce the chromosomal number by ½. To make *haploid* sex cells (only ONE of each homologous pair) that are GENETICALLY DIFFERENT from each other.

# Meiosis (in a nut shell)

- DNA replication (interphase)
   Sister chromatids
- Homologous chromosomes pair up (synapsis)
  - Form tetrads 4 sister chromatids
- 3. Homologous chromosomes exchange pieces of DNA (crossing over)





# Comparison of Meiosis to Mitosis Meiosis

- makes gametes (sperm and egg)
- TWO DIVISIONS→ FOUR CELLS
- Reduces chromosomal number by ½ b/c it separates homologous pairs.
- □ diploid → haploid
- cells are genetically diverse
- Mitosis
  all cells EXCEPT gametes.
  ONE DIVISION→ TWO CELLS
  Asexual
  makes IDENTICAL COPIES
- □ diploid → diploid
- □ haploid → haploid
- Events Special to Meiosis (a) (a) (a) (b) (b) (c) (c)(c)

# Events Special To Meiosis

- 1. <u>synapsis</u>- the pair of homologous chromosomes "snap" together (become physically connected).
- <u>crossing over</u>- once synapsis has occurred, touching homologous chromosomes can exchange genes.
- 3. <u>independent assortment</u>- random separation and assortment of chromosomes during meiosis I; results in genetically different sex cells

