

# Understanding the Functions of DNA and RNA

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## NGSS STANDARDS

### **MS-LS1-5**

Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.

### **MS-LS3-1**

Develop and use a model to describe why structural changes to genes (mutations) located on chromosomes may affect proteins and may result in harmful, beneficial, or neutral effects to the structure and function of the organism.

### **MS-LS4-4**

Construct an explanation based on evidence that describes how genetic variations of traits in a population increase some individuals' probability of surviving and reproducing in a specific environment.

### **3-5-ETS1-2**

Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.

### **MS-ETS1-4**

Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.

### **4-PS4-3**

Generate and compare multiple solutions that use patterns to transfer information.

## **CONNECTIONS:**

### **Science**

RST.6-8.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.

### **RST.6-8.2**

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

### **RST.6-8.4**

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics.

**RST.6-8.7**

Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).

**RST.6-8.9**

Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.

**Social Studies**

**WHST.6-8.2**

Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

**WHST.6-8.9**

Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.

**Language Arts**

**SL.8.1**

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

**SL.8.4**

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**SL.8.5**

Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.

**RI.4.1**

Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

**RI.4.9**

Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.

**Math**

**6.SP.B.4**

Display numerical data in plots on a number line, including dot plots, histograms, and box plots.

**6.SP.B.5**

Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context.

**3.OA.A.1**

Interpret products of whole numbers, e.g., interpret  $5 \times 7$  as the total number of objects in 5 groups of 7 objects each.

**3.OA.A.2**

Interpret whole-number quotients of whole numbers, e.g., interpret  $56 \div 8$  as the number of objects in each share when 56 objects are partitioned equally into 8 shares, or as a number of shares when 56 objects are partitioned into equal shares of 8 object

**3.OA.A.4**

Determine the unknown whole number in a multiplication or division equation relating three whole numbers.

**3.OA.B.5**

Apply properties of operations as strategies to multiply and divide.

**3.OA.B.6**

Understand division as an unknown-factor problem.

**3.OA.D.8**

Solve two-step word problems using the four operations. Represent these problems using equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity.

**3.OA.D.9**

Identify arithmetic patterns (including patterns in the addition table or multiplication table), and explain them using properties of operations.

**4.OA.A.2**

Multiply or divide to solve word problems involving multiplicative comparison, e.g., by using drawings and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem, distinguishing multiplicative comparison from additive comparison.

**4.OA.A.3**

Solve multistep word problems posed with whole numbers and having whole-number answers using the four operations, including problems in which remainders must be interpreted.

**4.OA.C.5**

Generate a number or shape pattern that follows a given rule. Identify apparent features of the pattern that were not explicit in the rule itself.

**5.OA.A.1**

Use parentheses, brackets, or braces in numerical expressions, and evaluate expressions with these symbols.

**5.OA.A.2**

Write simple expressions that record calculations with numbers, and interpret numerical expressions without evaluating them.

**5.OA.B.3**

Generate two numerical patterns using two given rules. Identify apparent relationships between corresponding terms. Form ordered pairs consisting of corresponding terms from the two patterns, and graph the ordered pairs on a coordinate plane.