Topics	Notes, Diagrams, Drawings
Early ideas about heredity	 A long time ago, people believed that traits were passed down with organisms resembling both parents: blending inheritance Heredity: passing of traits from parents to offspring Genetics: study of how traits are passed from parents to offspring Heredity is complex
Mendel's experimental methods	 Mendel studied genetics by doing controlled breeding experiments (around 29,000) with pea plants Peas plants were idea for genetics because: They reproduce quickly They have easily observed traits Mendel could control which pairs of plants he reproduced
Pollination in pea plants	 Mendel controlled which pea plants pollinated other plants Pollination occurs when pollen lands on the pistil of a flower. Sperm cells from the pollen then can fertilize egg cells in the pistil Self-pollination: pollen from one plant lands on the pistil of a flower on the same plant Cross-pollination: pollen from one plant reaches the pistil of a flower on a different plant
True-breeding plants	Self-pollinate and produce offspring with traits that match the parent

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Mendel's cross pollination	 Mendel was able select which plants pollinated other plants He did this for hundreds of plants for each set of traits and recorded the traits that appeared in the offspring
Mendel's results	 First generation crosses: Why did all the offspring have purple flowers when purple and white flowers were bred? Hybrid: offspring of two animals or plants with different forms of the same trait
Mendel's results	Second generation crosses: Mendel cross pollinated two purple hybrid plants Trait that disappeared in first generation reappeared
More hybrid crosses	 Mendel analyzed the data from countless experiments and noticed a pattern: Data between hybrid crosses produced a 3:1 ratio of one trait to another 3 purple flowers: 1 white flower 3 yellow seeds: 1 white seed 3 round seeds: 1 wrinkled seed
Mendel's conclusion	Dominant and recessive traits: two genetic factors control each inherited trait • Dominant trait: genetic factor that blocks another genetic factor • Observed when offspring have either one of the two dominant factors • Example: purple flower color • Recessive trait: genetic factor that is blocked by the presence of another dominant factor • Observed when two recessive genetic factors are present in the offspring • Example: white flower color