

Prep for activities on respiration

This short assignment is aimed at preparing you for the more in-depth discussion and in class activities on respiration that we will start on Wednesday. It features two Youtube videos (each less than 4 minutes long) on the electron transport chain and Chemiosmosis with a few study question prompts below for yourself to take notes on and make sure you catch the most important information. This assignment is NOT graded but taking the time to go through it (15-20min) will allow you get the most out of the next exercises and help your team tackle the in-class activities.

Electron transport chain

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbJ0nbzt5Kw>. Note that this video is focused primarily on aerobic respiration in mitochondria, which are the powerhouses of eukaryotic cells. The concepts are the same in bacteria and archaea (remember that mitochondria themselves were originally bacteria that were incorporated during endosymbiosis as an organelle for generating power through aerobic respiration) and are only slightly different for most forms of anaerobic respiration.

1. What are the names of the enzymes and molecules that are part of the electron transport chain (ETC)?
2. In what sequence do they appear in the ETC?
3. Which steps lead to hydrogen ions (protons) getting pumped across the membrane and how many are pumped in each step?
4. From which molecule does the ETC get its electrons here?

Chemiosmosis

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3y1dO4nNaKY>. Again, note that this is primarily focused on mitochondria but chemiosmosis is pretty much a universal attribute of cellular life.

5. On which side (outside or inside) of the membrane do you need a higher concentration to power ATP synthesis?
6. What is the overall reaction for ATP synthesis? (include ATP, ADP, P_i , H_{outside}^+ and H_{inside}^+ in your equation).
7. What would happen if you ran this reaction in reverse?