

## ACTIVITY 1

# MENDEL'S LAWS OF INHERITANCE

Directions: Perform the following instructions. Write your answers on a sheet of paper and submit it to your teacher.

1. Compare the following pairs of terms:

- a. gene / allele
- b. genotype / phenotype
- c. dominant / recessive
- d. purebred / hybrid
- e. homozygous / heterozygous
- f. cross pollination / self pollination
- g.  $F_1$  generation /  $F_2$  generation

2. In pea plants, two stem lengths are possible: tall (T) and dwarf (t). Tall is dominant to dwarf.

- a. In a purebred tall plant, what gametes are possible? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. In a purebred dwarf plant, what gametes are possible? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What is the genotype of a purebred tall plant? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. What is the genotype of a purebred dwarf plant? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Use a Punnett square to show all the possible genotypes of the  $F_1$  generation produced by a cross between these two plants: (TT x tt):

a.


b. What is/are the possible phenotype(s) of the  $F_1$  generation? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Now use a Punnett square (on the next page) to show all the possible genotypes of the  $F_2$  generation that would result from a cross between two plants from the above  $F_1$  generation:

a.


b. What are the likely ratios of genotypes of the  $F_2$  generation? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What are the likely ratios of phenotypes of the  $F_2$  generation? \_\_\_\_\_

5. If four plants grew up from this same  $F_2$  generation, would it be possible for all those offspring to be dwarfs? Why or why not?

6. Use a Punnett square to show all the possible genotypes of a cross between a dwarf pea plant and a heterozygous tall pea plant:

a.


b. What are the likely ratios of the genotypes of their offspring? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What are the likely ratios of the phenotypes of their offspring? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Use a Punnett square to show all the possible genotypes of a homozygous tall pea plant crossed with a heterozygous tall pea plant:

a.


b. What are the likely ratios of the genotypes of their offspring? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What are the likely ratios of the phenotypes of their offspring? \_\_\_\_\_

## TRUE OR FALSE

Write true if the statement is true or false if the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The rules of probability apply to genetics.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. If an individual has a Gg genotype, half of his gametes should have the G allele, and the other half should have the g allele.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A Punnett square is a chart that allows you to easily determine the expected genotypes in the offspring of two parents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In a cross between two homozygous dominant individuals, 25% of the offspring may have the recessive phenotype.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A parent cell makes gametes through the process of mitosis.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. It is entirely likely for a gene to have more than two alleles.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Incomplete dominance occurs when the recessive allele is not completely dominant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Your height and skin color are not just due to your genes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. In a cross between an individual homozygous dominant for two characteristics and an individual homozygous recessive for the same characteristics, all of the F1 offspring will have the dominant phenotypes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. All genetics is fairly straightforward and follows the patterns Mendel observed in pea plants.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Codominance occurs when, essentially, there is no recessive allele.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. If one parent is MM and the other parent is mm, the only possible phenotype of their offspring is Mm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The probability of inheriting either an A, B, or O allele for blood type from your parent is 33.33%.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. In any cross between two heterozygous parents, half the offspring should have the dominant phenotype and half the offspring should have the recessive phenotype.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. When you toss a coin in the air, it should turn up tails 50% of the time.

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