

EACH GENE IN OUR DNA CONTAINS THE INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE ONE TINY PIECE OF WHO WE ARE.



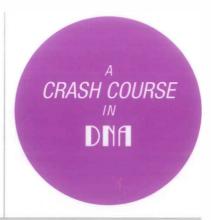








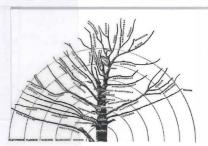




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IN THE 1800s, GREGOR MENDEL FIGURED OUT THAT TRAITS OF PEA PLANTS WERE PASSED DOWN FROM PARENT TO CHILD IN A WAY THAT COULD SOMETIMES BE HIDDEN SO THEY APPEARED TO SKIP A GENERATION.







BECAUSE NUCLEOTIDES HAVE A CURVY SHAPE, THEY DON'T STACK UP STRAIGHT LIKE A LADDER BUT INSTEAD TWIST LIKE A SPIRAL STAIRCASE. THE RESULT IS A DOUBLE HELIX.

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