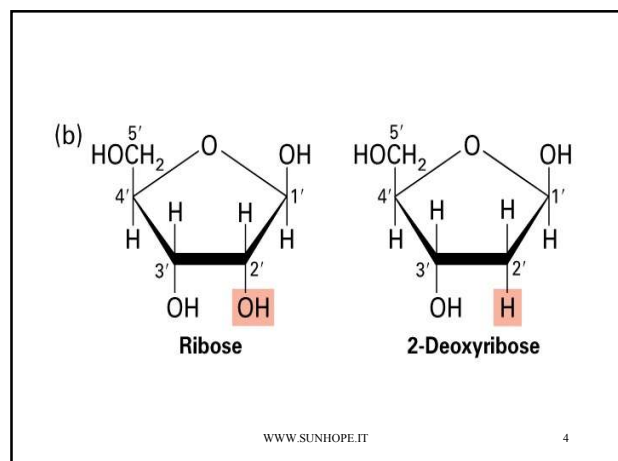
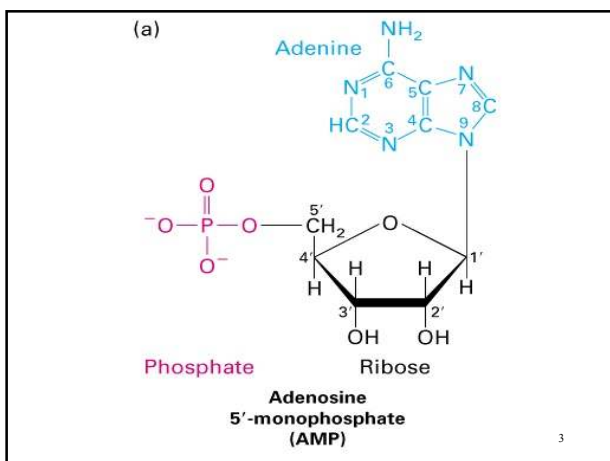
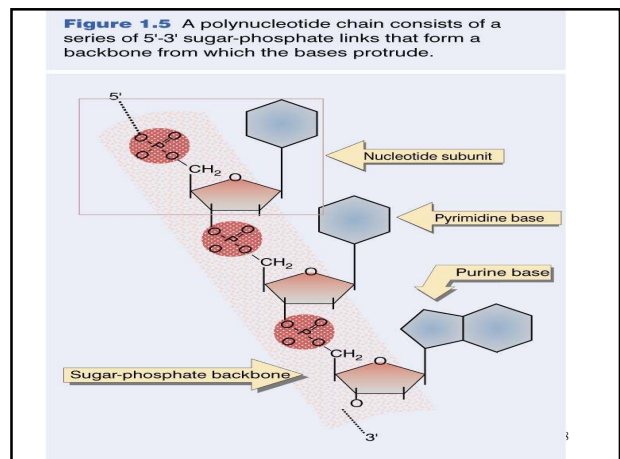
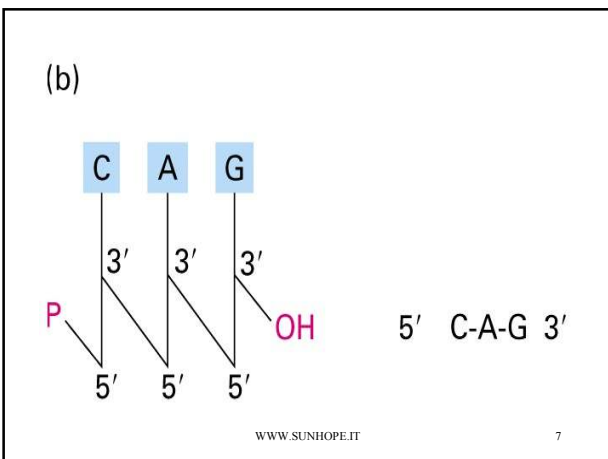
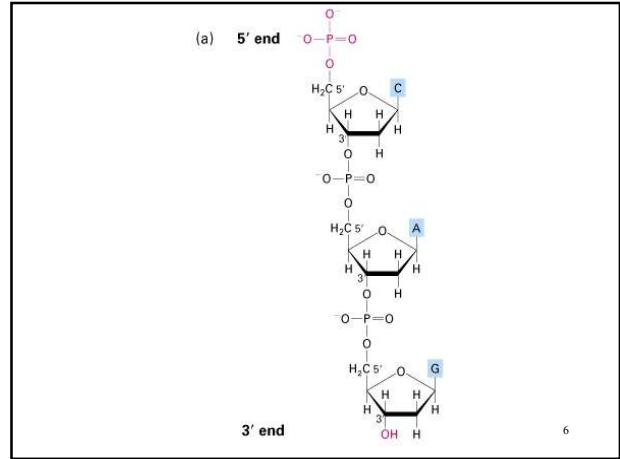
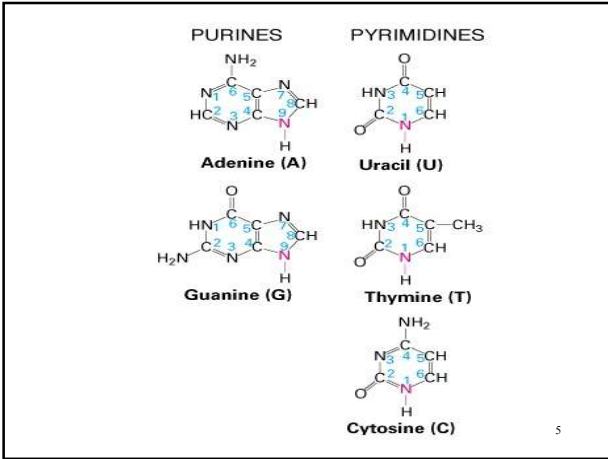
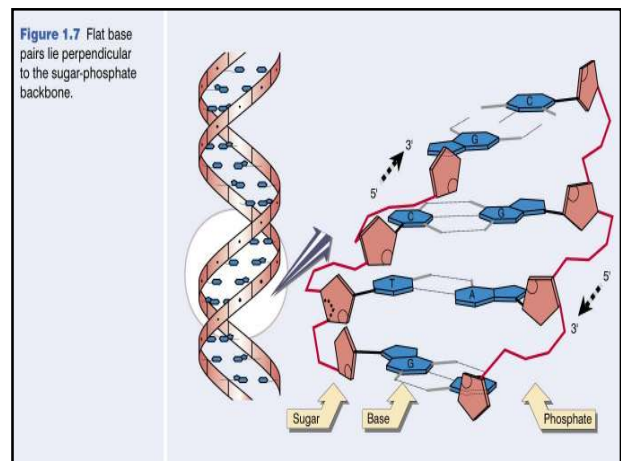
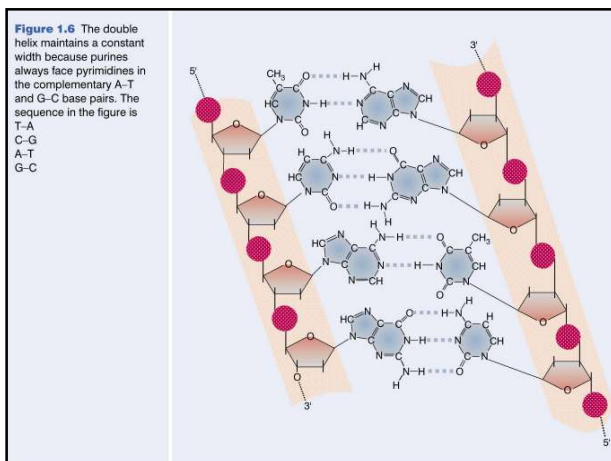
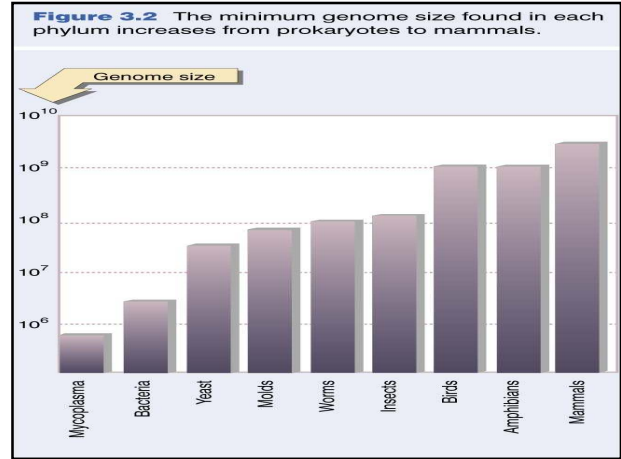
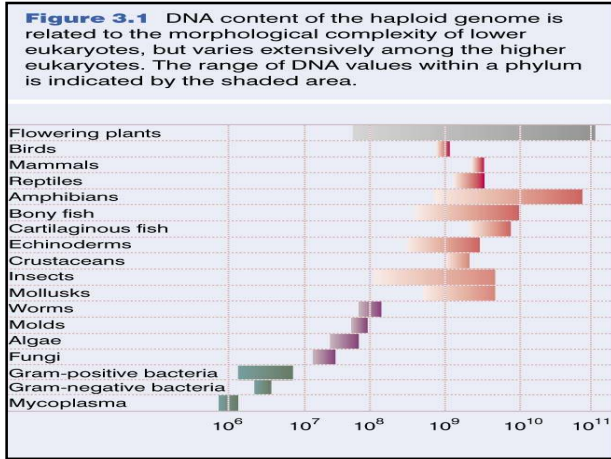


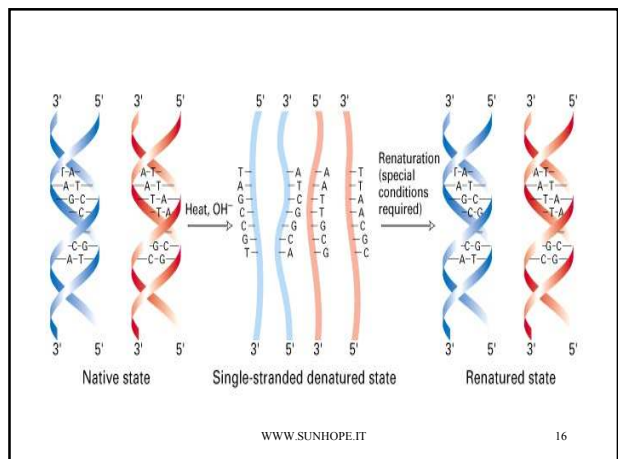
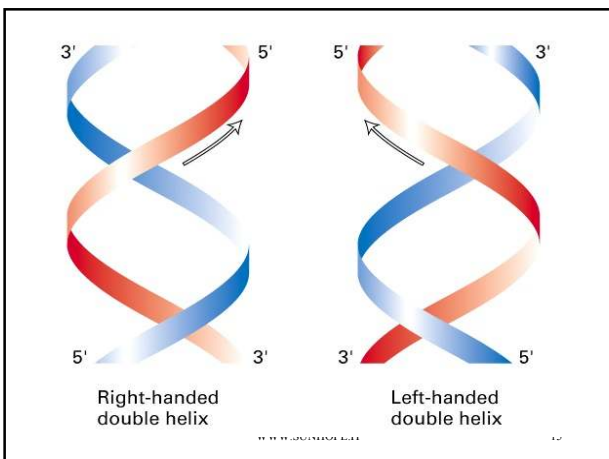
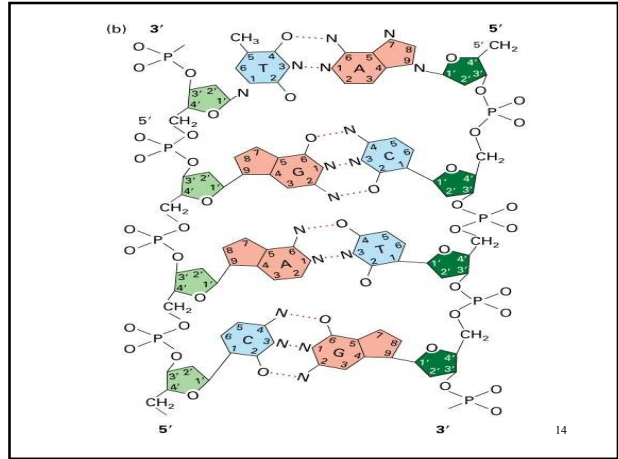
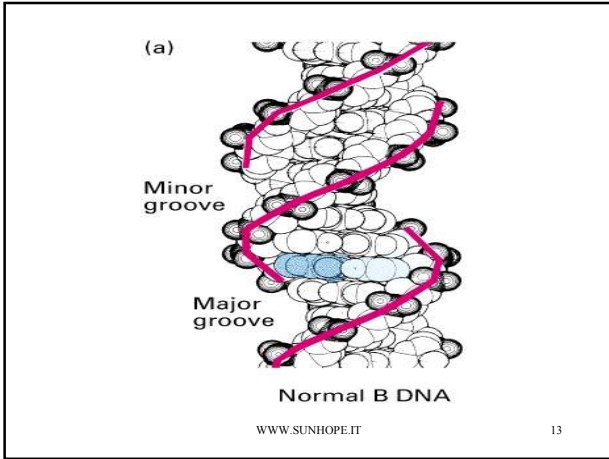
**Figure 1.1** A brief history of genetics.

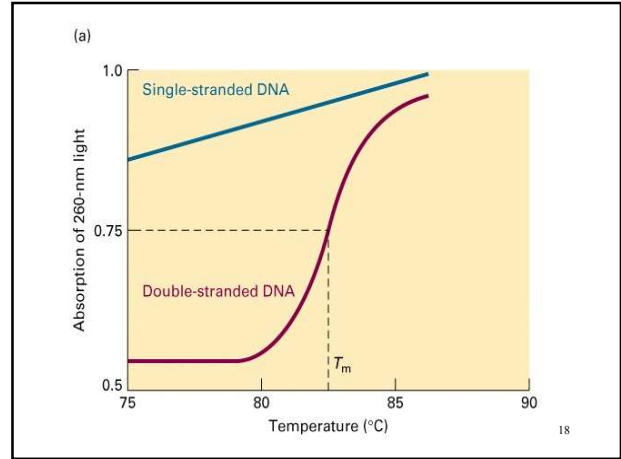
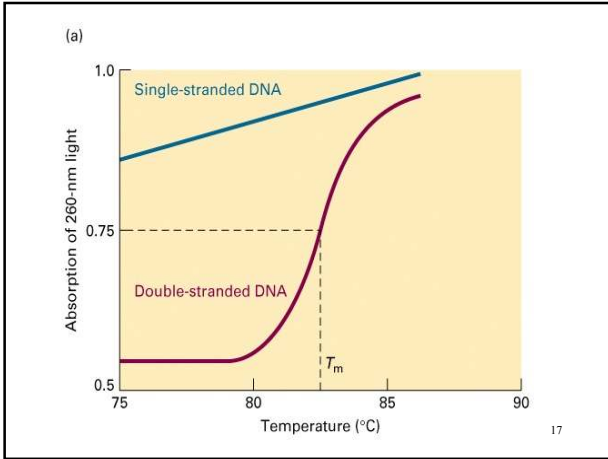
- 1865 Genes are particulate factors
- 1903 Chromosomes are hereditary units
- 1910 Genes lie on chromosomes
- 1913 Chromosomes contain linear arrays of genes
- 1927 Mutations are physical changes in genes
- 1931 Recombination is caused by crossing over
- 1944 DNA is the genetic material
- 1945 A gene codes for a protein
- 1953 DNA is a double helix
- 1958 DNA replicates semiconservatively
- 1961 Genetic code is triplet
- 1977 DNA can be sequenced
- 1997 Genomes can be sequenced











**Figure 3.4** A DNA reassociation reaction is described by the  $C_0t_{1/2}$

**Rate of reaction**

The reaction follows the second order equation  $\frac{dC}{dt} = -kC^2$

$C$  is the concentration of DNA that is single-stranded at time  $t$   
 $k$  is a reassociation rate constant.

**Progress of reaction**

Integrate the rate equation between the limits:  
 initial concentration of DNA =  $C_0$  at time  $t = 0$ ;  
 concentration remaining single stranded =  $C$  after time  $t$

$$\frac{C}{C_0} = \frac{1}{1 + k \cdot C_0 t}$$

**Critical parameter is  $C_0t_{1/2}$**

When the reaction is half complete at time  $t = 1/2$

$$\frac{C}{C_0} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{1 + k \cdot C_0 t_{1/2}}$$

Therefore  $C_0t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k}$

