

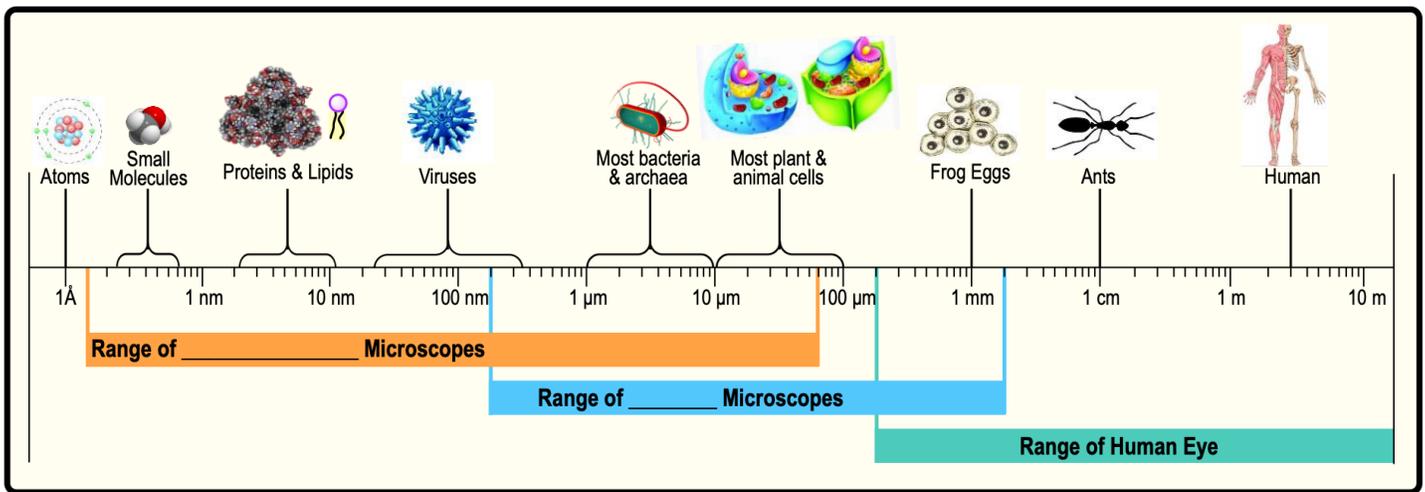
CLUTCH

www.clutchprep.com

CONCEPT: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSCOPES

- Microbes are simply too _____ for our eyes to see & require the aid of _____ to visualize them.
 - **Microscope:** an optical _____ used to visualize _____scopically *small* objects (ex. *cells*).
 - _____ main types of *microscopes* are commonly used:
 - 1) **Light Microscopes:** uses visible _____ to magnify small objects.
 - 2) **Electron Microscopes:** uses _____ for a *higher magnification* of even smaller objects.

EXAMPLE: Ranges of the Human Eye, Light Microscopes, & Electron Microscopes.



PRACTICE: The basic unit of life is a cell. What type of microscope can be used to visualize prokaryotic cells?

- a) Light microscope.
- b) Electron microscope.
- c) Both light and electron microscopes.
- d) None of the above, cells can be seen with the human eye.

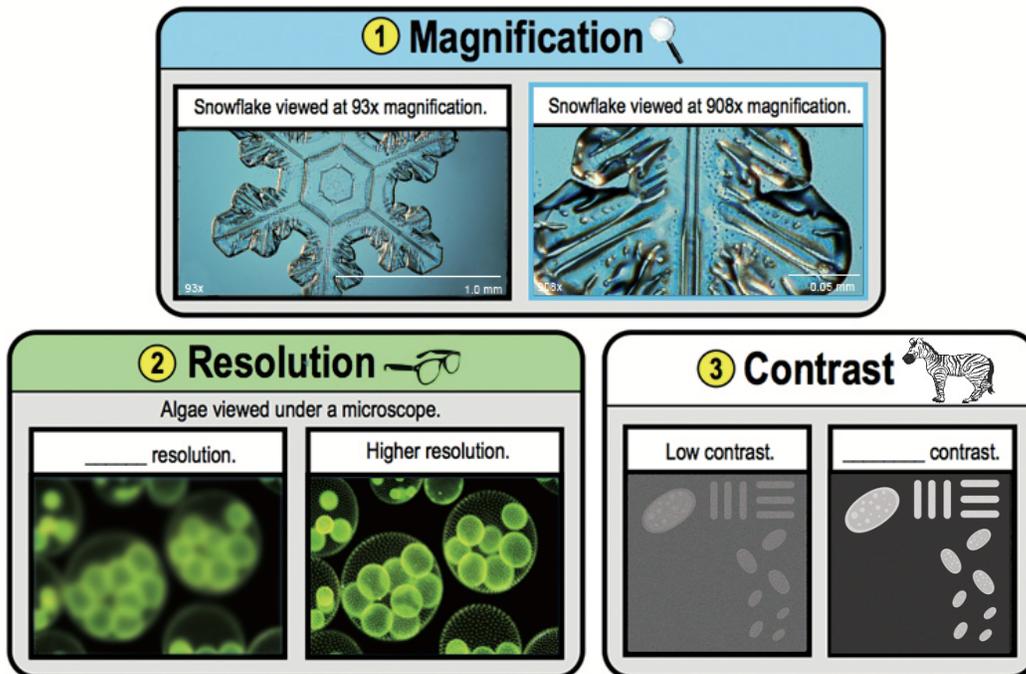
PRACTICE: Which type of microscope would be the BEST selection for the examination of muscle proteins?

- a) Light microscope.
- b) Electron microscope.
- c) No microscope would be needed to visualize muscle proteins.

CONCEPT: MAGNIFICATION, RESOLUTION, & CONTRAST

● Effective microscopy requires a balance of the following _____ terms:

- 1) **Magnification:** an apparent increase in the size of an image through the use of _____.
- 2) **Resolution:** the _____ distance two objects must be to observe them as being *separate*.
 - **Resolving Power:** a measure of the ability to *distinguish* _____ objects that are very close together.
- 3) **Contrast:** *difference in color/light intensity* between an object and its _____.
 - Determines how easily cells & cell structures can be seen.



PRACTICE: The resolving power of a microscope is described as the ability of the microscope to...

- a) Visually separate two objects that are very close together.
- b) Magnify an object.
- c) Differentiate the colors of the specimen from the background.
- d) See structures at various depths in a tissue.

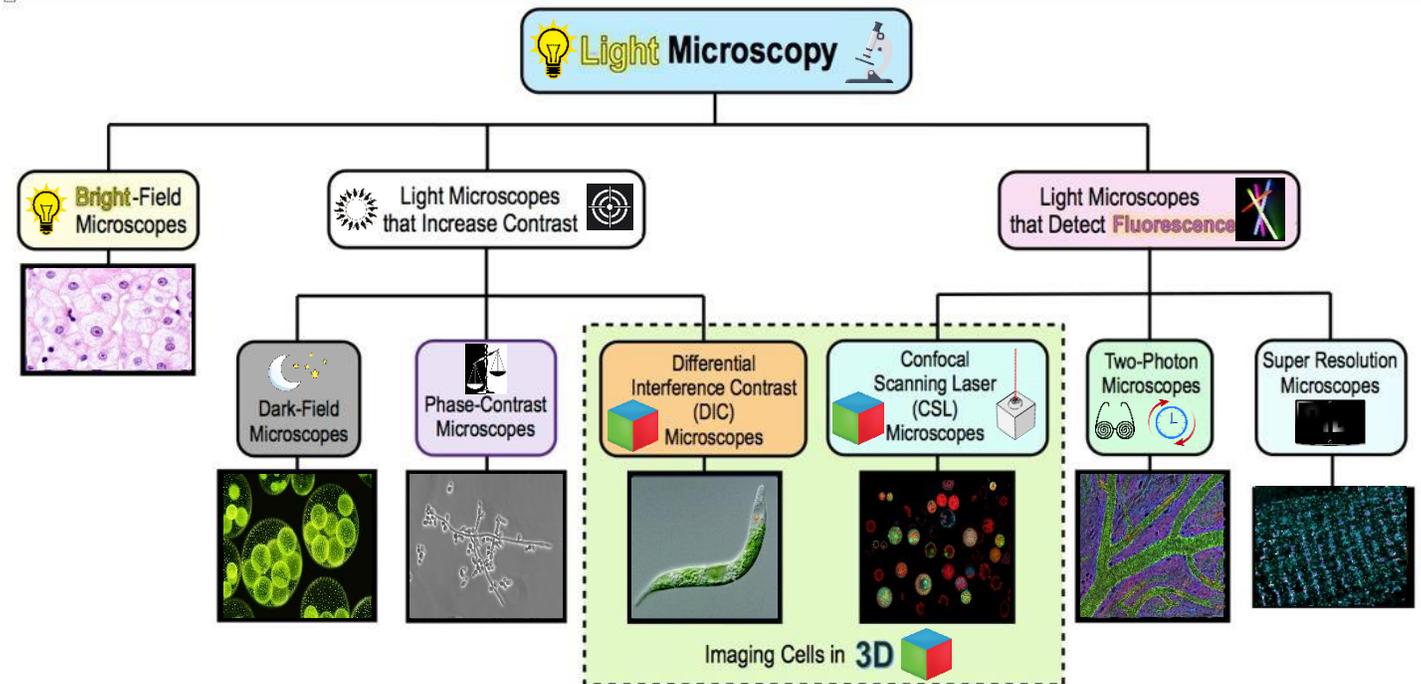
PRACTICE: If you can only increase one of the following, which would you increase to observe more details of the microscopic specimen?

- a) Increase the magnification.
- b) Increase the resolution.

CONCEPT: INTRODUCTION TO LIGHT MICROSCOPY

- **Light Microscopy:** uses visible _____ and lenses to magnify objects up to about 1000X.
 - There are _____ different types of light microscopes, each with their own set of advantages.

EXAMPLE: Outline of the light microscopy lesson.



PRACTICE: There are three major classes of light microscopes. Which class of light microscopes specializes in visualizing the difference in color intensity between the specimen and its background?

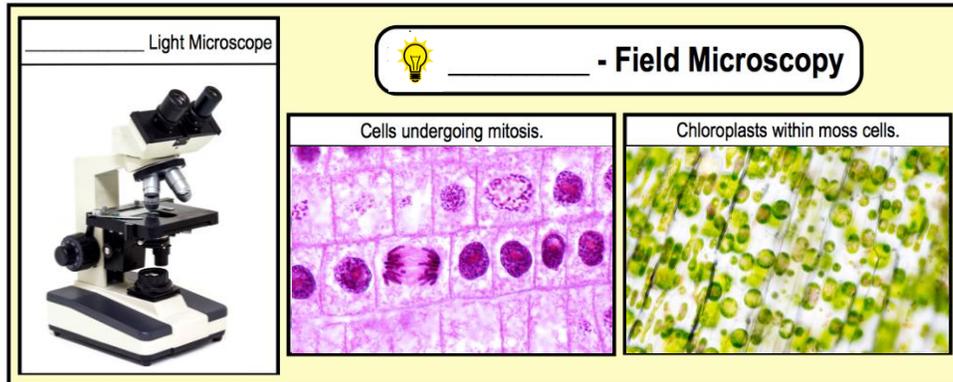
- Bright-field microscopes.
- Light microscopes that detect fluorescence.
- Light microscopes that increase contrast.

PRACTICE: Some light microscopes are able to create 3-dimensional images of the microscopic specimen. Which class(es) of light microscopes are the 3-D microscopes found in?

- Bright-field microscopes.
- Light microscopes that increase contrast.
- Light microscopes that detect fluorescence.
- Both A and B.
- Both B and C.
- Both A and C.

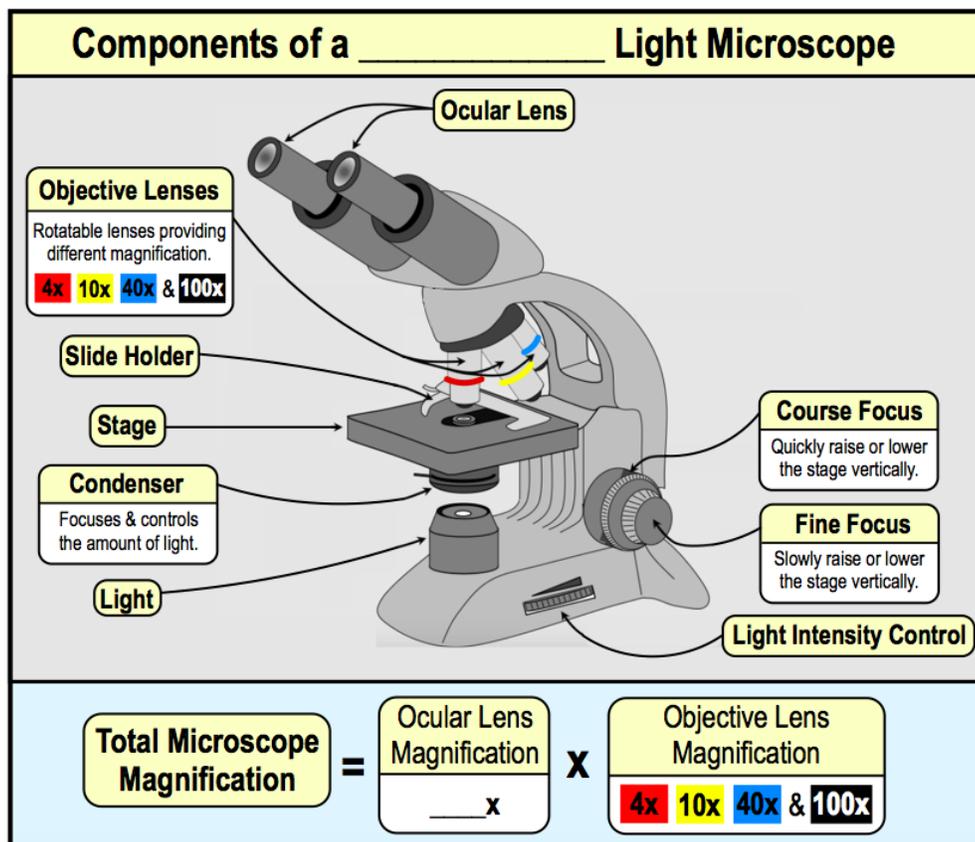
CONCEPT: LIGHT MICROSCOPY: BRIGHT-FIELD MICROSCOPE

- **Bright-Field Microscope:** the *most common* type of light microscope that generates a _____ background.
 - Routinely used to examine both *stained & unstained* specimens, forming a darker image on a lighter background.
 - *Drawback:* unstained transparent organisms create _____ contrast (staining procedures may kill organisms).
 - **Compound Light Microscope:** one of the most commonly used bright-field microscopes using _____ lenses.



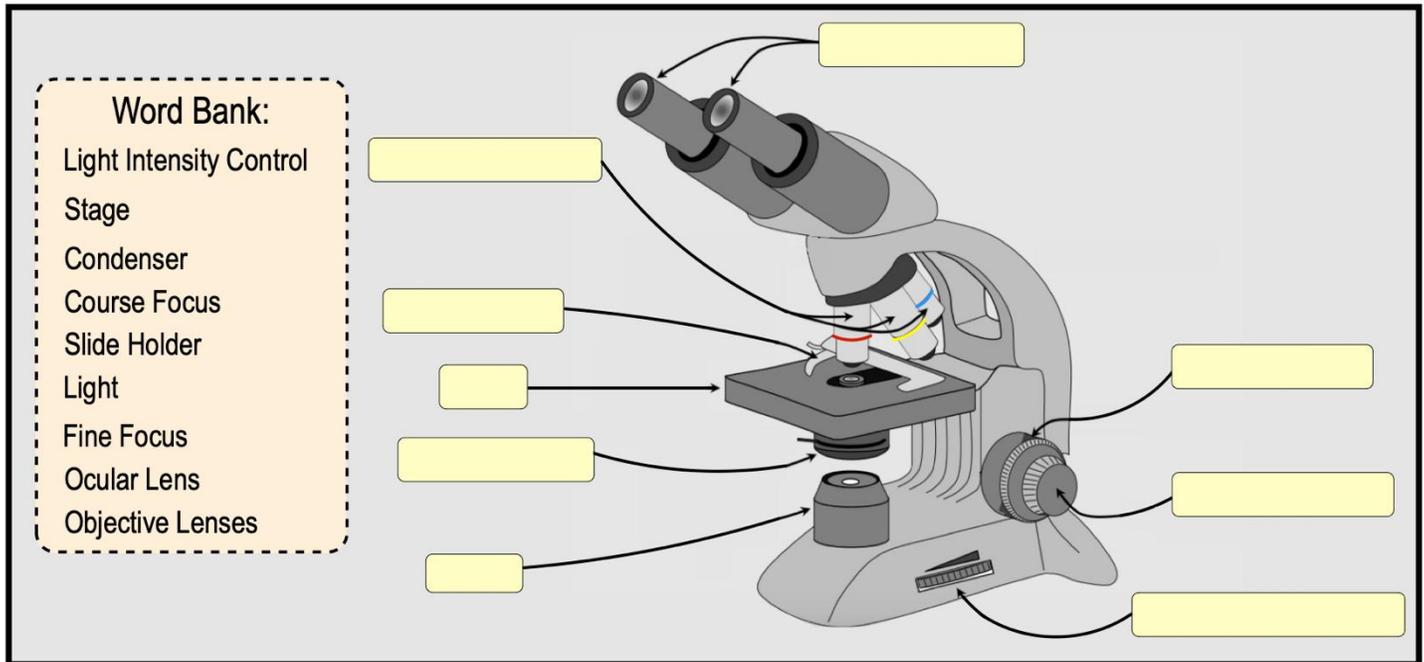
Components & Magnification of the Compound Light Microscope

- The compound light microscope has *several* components that you likely need to be familiar with.
 - Light passes via _____ lenses (objective lens & ocular lens), each which provides additional magnification.
 - **Total magnification** of the specimen is the _____ of the magnification provided by each lens.



CONCEPT: LIGHT MICROSCOPY: BRIGHT-FIELD MICROSCOPE

EXAMPLE: Complete the following diagram by labeling each part of the compound microscope:



PRACTICE: The two magnifying lenses found in a light microscope are the:

- a) Basic and transverse lenses.
- b) Small and large lenses.
- c) Ocular and objective lenses.
- d) Simple and phase lenses.

PRACTICE: What is the purpose of the condenser on a light microscope?

- a) Allows the viewer to change light intensity.
- b) Focuses the light beam and controls the amount of light hitting the specimen.
- c) Moves the microscope slide from left to right.
- d) Focuses the image magnified by the objective lens.
- e) Magnifies the microscopic specimen up to 100x.

CONCEPT: LIGHT MICROSCOPY: BRIGHT-FIELD MICROSCOPE

PRACTICE: What is the most common type of light microscope? And how does it work?

- a) Dark-field microscope; shows brightly lit specimens on a dark background.
- b) Light-field microscope; shows brightly lit specimens on a dark background.
- c) Bright-field microscope; shows a darker specimen on a brightly lit background.
- d) None of the above.

PRACTICE: What is the major drawback to bright-field microscopes?

- a) Unstained microorganisms that are transparent are very difficult to see with bright-field microscopes.
- b) Bright-field microscopes cannot be used to examine stained microorganisms.
- c) The intensity of the light used to create the bright background in bright-field microscopes cannot be changed.
- d) Bright-field microscopes are some of the most expensive microscopes used to visualize microorganisms.

PRACTICE: The knobs used for focusing the image on a compound light microscope are the:

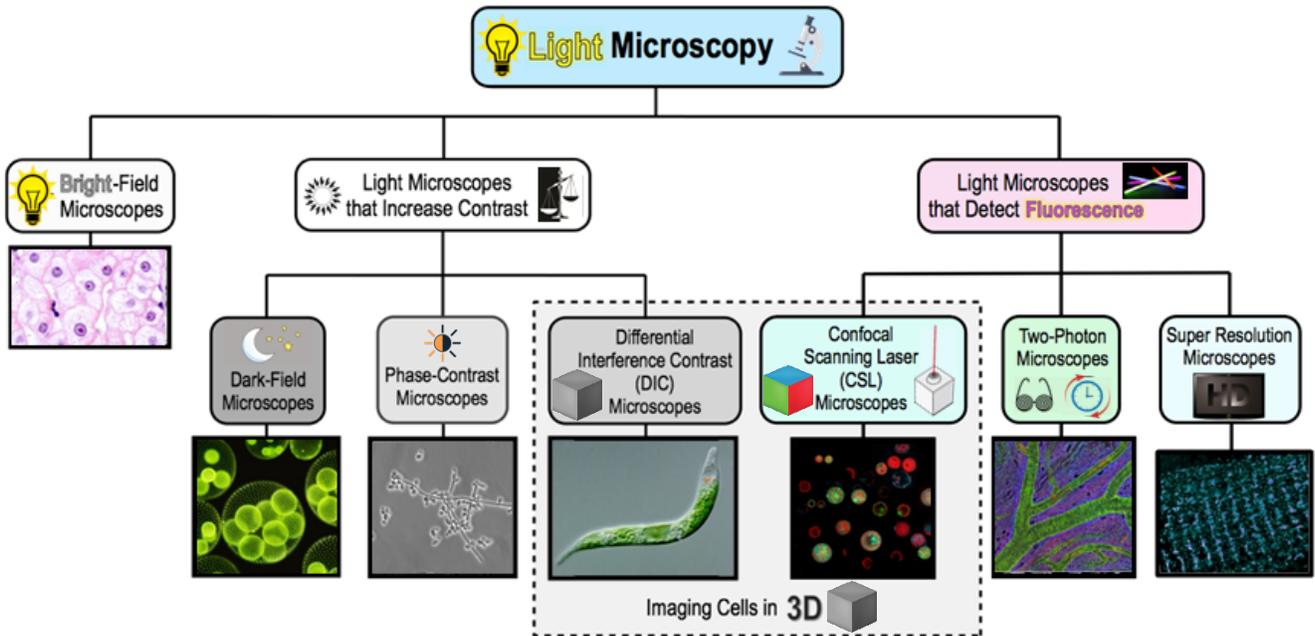
- a) Fine & capture knobs.
- b) Course & tip knobs.
- c) Stage & course knobs.
- d) Course & fine knobs.

PRACTICE: Which part of a compound microscope has the shutter that focuses & controls the amount of light?

- a) The condenser.
- b) The eyepiece.
- c) The stage.
- d) Fine adjustment knob.

CONCEPT: LIGHT MICROSCOPES THAT INCREASE CONTRAST

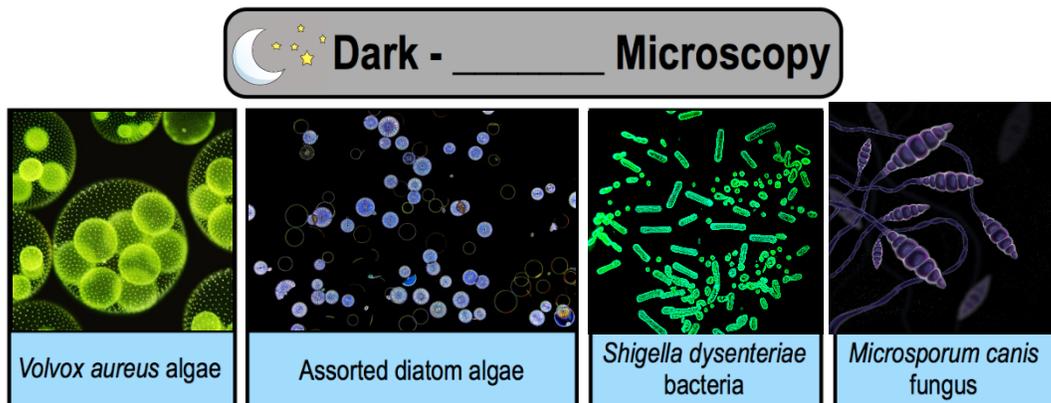
- Recall: a drawback of brightfield-light microscopy is visualizing unstained transparent organisms due to poor contrast.
 - Staining cells with dyes can increase contrast but it can also kill cells and/or distort their features.
- Other special types of light microscopes help improve _____ when visualizing unstained cells:
 - _____-Field Microscopes.
 - _____-Contrast Microscopes.
 - _____ Microscopes.



c

Dark-Field Microscopy

- _____-Field Microscopes: observe bright specimens against a _____ background.
 - A special mechanism directs light at an angle so that only light scattered by the specimen is observed.



PRACTICE: What type of microscopy uses a special condenser that only allows light scattered by the specimen to reach the objective lens and causes the specimen to appear bright?

- Phase-contrast microscopy.
- Differential interference contrast (DIC) microscopy.

CONCEPT: LIGHT MICROSCOPES THAT INCREASE CONTRAST

PRACTICE: This form of microscope is able to refract light off of the dense structures of a cell making them appear brighter than the gray background.

- a) Phase-contrast microscope.
- b) Bright-field microscope.
- c) Differential interference contrast microscope.
- d) Dark-field microscope.

PRACTICE: The microscope that increases contrast and allows the specimen to appear three-dimensional is the...

- a) Phase contrast microscope.
- b) Differential interference contrast microscope.
- c) Fluorescence microscope.
- d) Dark-field microscope.

PRACTICE: Which of the following microscope types would be least useful in viewing unstained living cells?

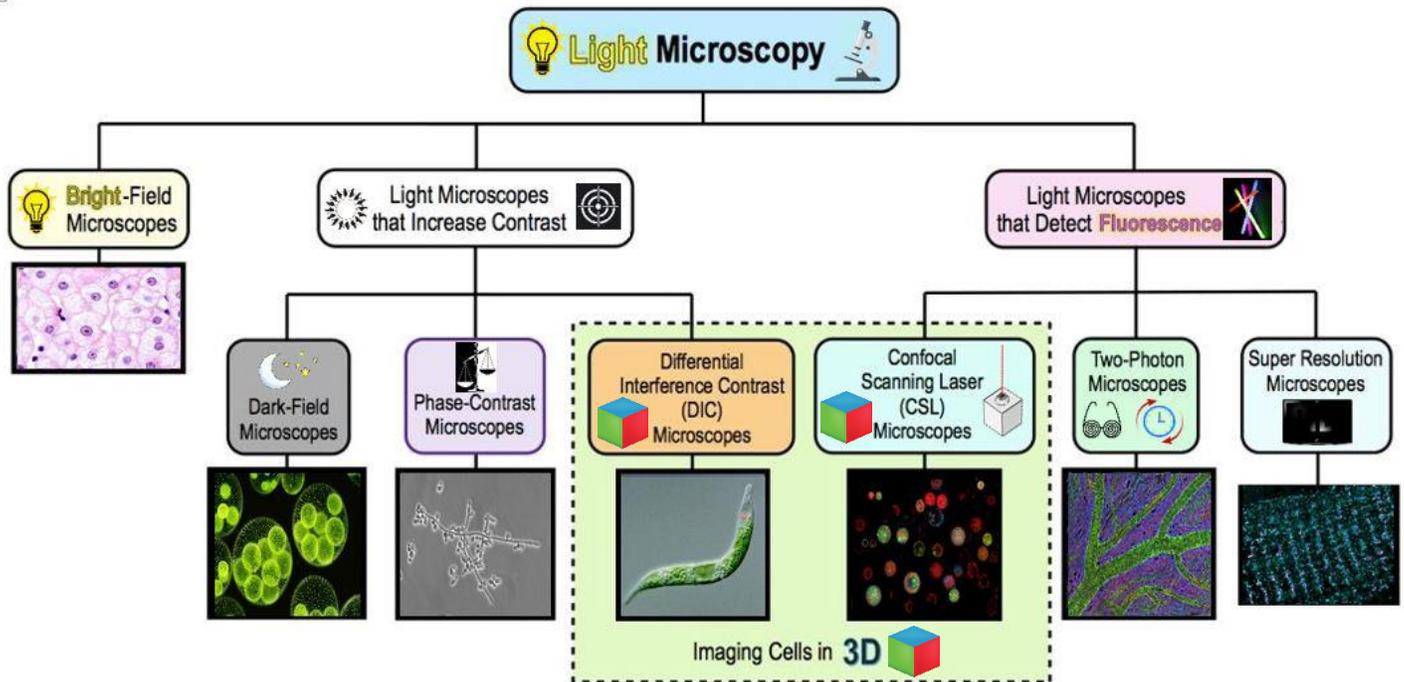
- a) Phase-contrast microscope.
- b) Differential interference contrast microscope.
- c) Bright-field microscope.
- d) Dark-field microscope.

PRACTICE: Which type of microscopes use light that hits the specimen indirectly, producing a darker image of the specimen on a brighter background?

- a) Phase-contrast microscope.
- b) Differential interference contrast microscope.
- c) Bright-field microscope.
- d) Dark-field microscope.

CONCEPT: LIGHT MICROSCOPES THAT DETECT FLUORESCENCE

- In certain situations, light microscopes that detect _____ (emitted light) can be useful.
 - **Fluorescence:** ability to absorb short wavelengths of light & give off longer wavelengths of _____ light.
 - Fluorescent molecules stand out as _____ objects against a dark background.
 - Several different types of microscopes can detect fluorescence.

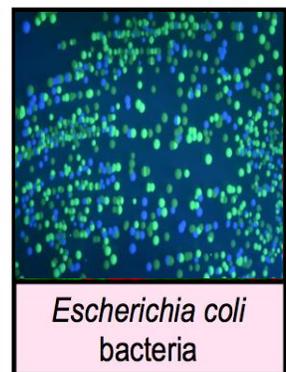
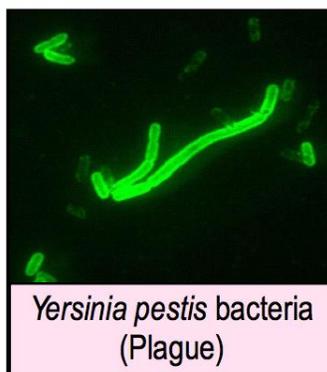
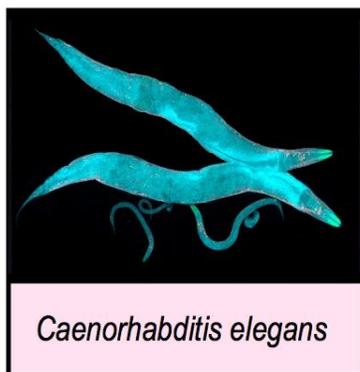
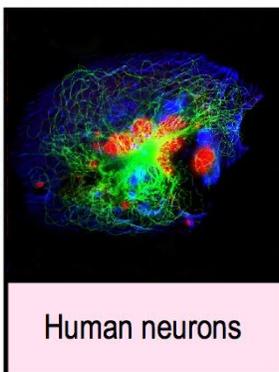


Fluorescence Microscopes

- **Fluorescence Microscopes:** light microscope that projects ultraviolet light onto the specimen, causing it to fluoresce.
 - Some organisms fluoresce *naturally*, but scientists can tag molecules with *fluorescent* _____ (*fluorochromes*).
 - **Immunofluorescence:** technique combining a *fluorochrome* with an _____ to tag specific objects.

EXAMPLE: Fluorescence Microscopy.

_____ **Microscopy**

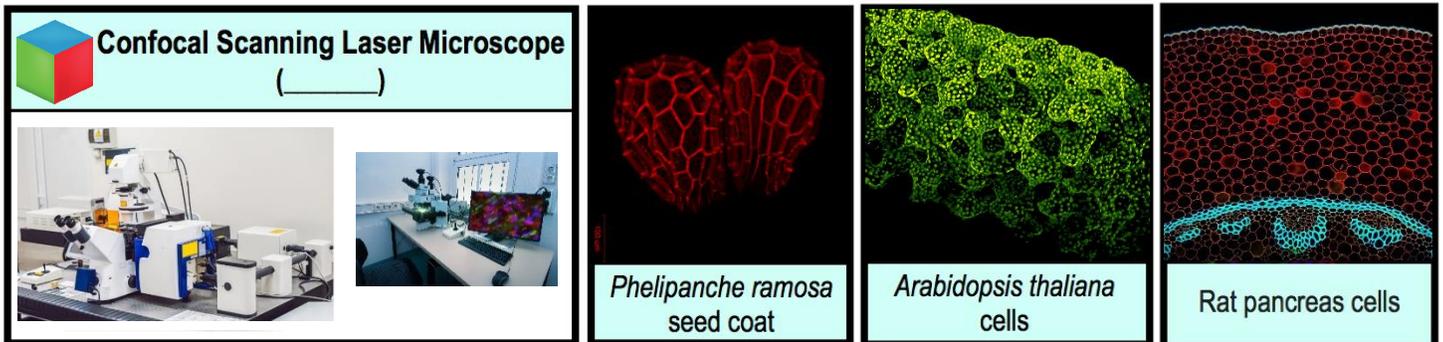


CONCEPT: LIGHT MICROSCOPES THAT DETECT FLUORESCENCE

Confocal Scanning Laser Microscopes (CSLMs)

- _____: *computer-controlled* microscopes that couples a *laser* to a *fluorescence* microscope.
 - *Laser* generates high-contrast, _____-image, allowing viewer to access several planes of focus in the specimen.
 - Can be used to look inside cells at different layers.

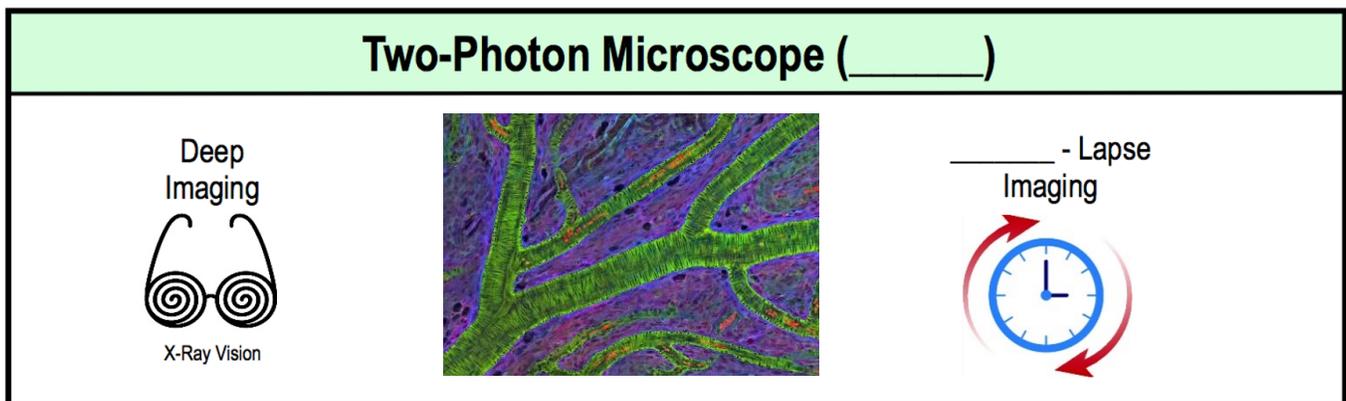
EXAMPLE: Images from a Confocal Scanning Laser Microscope (CSLM).



Two-Photon Microscope (TPM)

- _____-Photon Microscope (TPM): similar to CSLM, except it uses _____ photons & less damaging light.
 - Also known as _____-photon microscopy.
 - Longer, less-damaging light wavelengths allow for *deeper* imaging of _____ structures & *time-lapse* imaging.

EXAMPLE: Functions of a Two-Photon Microscope (TPM).



PRACTICE: Which type of light microscope can show the movement of cells or structures in living specimens with time-lapse imaging?

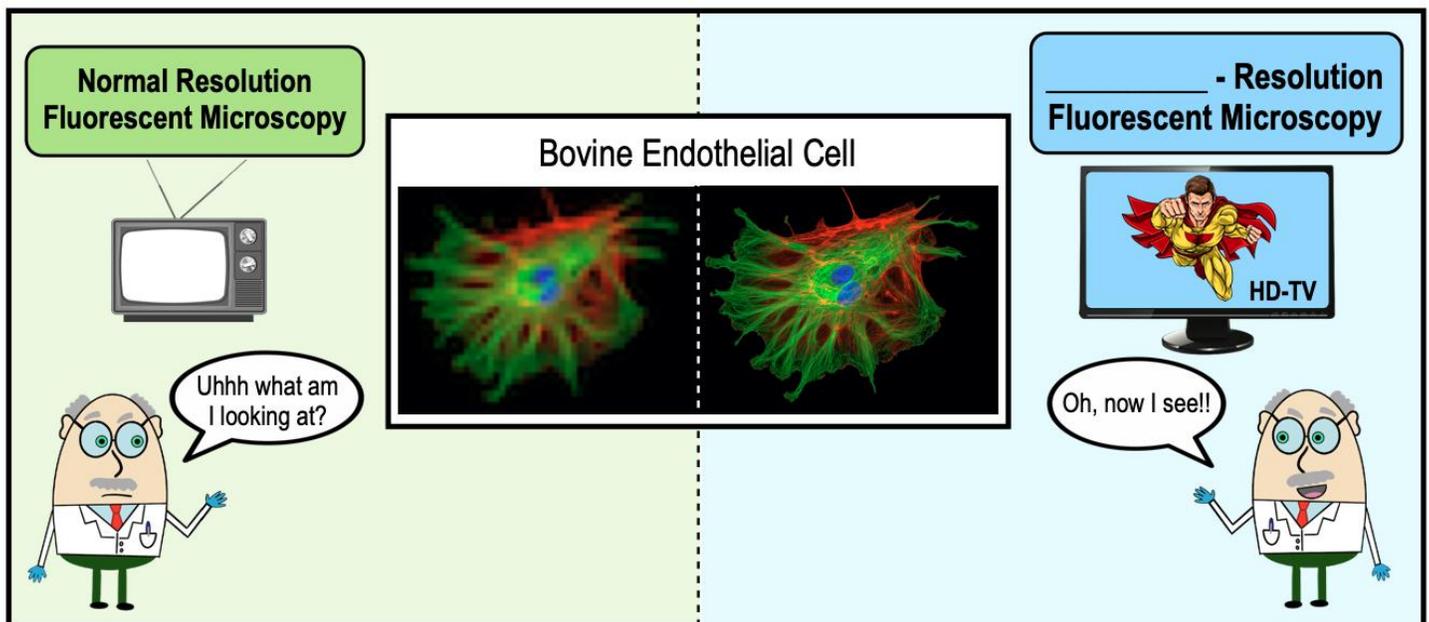
- Confocal scanning laser microscope.
- Fluorescence microscope.
- Two-photon microscope.**
- Differential interference contrast microscope.

CONCEPT: LIGHT MICROSCOPES THAT DETECT FLUORESCENCE

Super-Resolution Microscope (SRM)

- Up until 2014 when *super-resolution microscopes* were developed, the max resolution for light microscopes was $\sim 0.2 \mu\text{m}$.
 - _____-Resolution Microscope (SRM): *fluorescence* light microscope with high resolution ($\sim 0.01 \mu\text{m}$).
 - Uses complex mechanisms to visualize molecules that otherwise are too _____ together to be seen as distinct.
 - Sometimes can allow for even a single _____ to be tracked.

EXAMPLE:



PRACTICE: Which type of fluorescent, light microscope creates high-contrast, 3D-images that allow the viewer to access several planes of focus in the specimen?

- Super-resolution microscope.
- Confocal scanning laser microscope.
- Two-photon microscope.
- Immunofluorescent microscope.

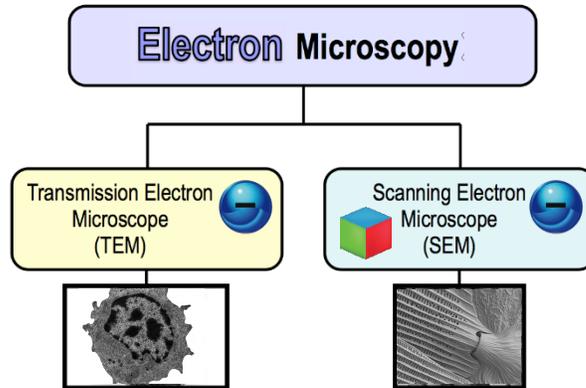
PRACTICE: New and innovative technology, known as _____ microscopes, allow scientists to fluorescently tag and track single molecules in a living cell.

- Two-photon microscopes.
- Confocal scanning laser microscopes.
- Super scanning laser microscopes.

Super-resolution microscopes.

CONCEPT: ELECTRON MICROSCOPES

- Recall: _____ microscopes use *electrons* & are more powerful than light microscopes.
 - Provide greater _____ up to 10,000,000X (in comparison to just 1000X in light microscopes).
 - Provides greater _____ of ~0.3 nm (in comparison to 10 nm in a super-resolution light microscope).
 - Complex instruments & specimen preparation that limits observation to only _____-living cells/objects.
 - Electron micrograph images are *black-&-white* but can be falsely _____ with computers.



Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM)

- **Transmission Electron Microscope** (_____): form a 2D-image from a beam of electrons *passing through* a specimen.
 - A variety of sample preparations may be used, but many used for visualizing _____ cell structures.
 - Specimens must be viewed in a vacuum and in extremely thin slices of just 20 to 100 nm.
 - *Drawback:* sometimes a complex preparation can distort cells & cause artificial artifacts to form.

EXAMPLE: Diagram of a Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM).

Transmission Electron Microscope (_____)

Green Algae cell

Coronavirus

Mitochondria in a human lung cell

Ebola Virus

CONCEPT: ELECTRON MICROSCOPES

PRACTICE: Electron microscopes differ from light microscopes in that:

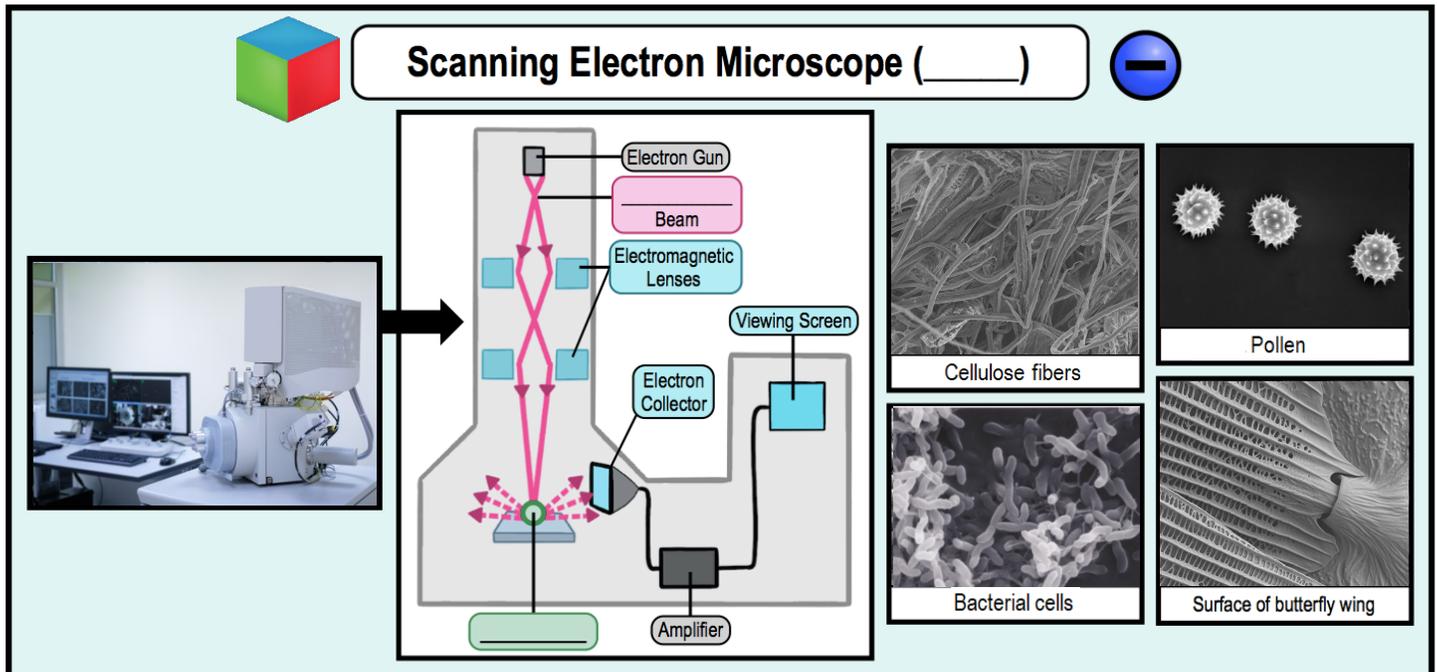
- a) Electron microscopes use an electron beam instead of a light beam.
- b) Electron microscopes can magnify the specimen significantly more than light microscopes.
- c) Electron microscopes have significantly higher resolution than light microscopes.
- d) All of the above.

Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

● **Scanning Electron Microscope** (_____): forms 3D-image from beam of electrons *scattering off* a specimen's surface.

- A variety of sample preparations may be used for visualizing _____ cell structures on the surface.

EXAMPLE: Diagram of a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM).



PRACTICE: There are two major types of electron microscopes, Transmission Electron Microscopes (TEM) & Scanning Electron Microscopes (SEM). What are the major differences between these types of electron microscopes?

- a) TEM shows 2D images of the specimen while SEM shows 3D images of the specimen.
- b) SEM specimen preparations can damage or distort the microorganism's features, while TEM preparations do not.
- c) TEM shows internal cell structures, while SEM shows external cell structures.
- d) Both A and B.
- e) Both B and C.
- f) Both A and C.

CONCEPT: REVIEWING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MICROSCOPES

x1w • Now let's review the different types of light & electron microscopes.

Light Microscopes		
Type of Microscope	Description	
_____ - Field Microscope	Observe stained or unstained specimens on a bright background.	
Light Microscopes that Increase Contrast		
_____ - Field Microscope	Observe bright specimens against a dark background.	
Phase - _____ Microscope	Cells & their dense structures appear darker than the gray background.	
Differential Interference Contrast (_____) Microscope	Very detailed, highly contrasting, 3D-images of live specimens.	
Light Microscopes that Detect Fluorescence		
Confocal Scanning _____ (_____) Microscope	High-contrast, 3D-image showing several planes of focus in the specimen.	
Two - _____ Microscope	High-contrast, 3D-images of deep structures. Time-lapse images.	
_____ Resolution Microscope	Light microscope with extremely high resolution (~0.01 μm).	

Electron Microscopes		
Type of Microscope	Description	
_____ Electron Microscope (TEM)	2D-image from a beam of electrons passing through a specimen.	
_____ Electron Microscope (SEM)	3D-image from beam of electrons <i>scattering off</i> a specimen's surface.	

CONCEPT: REVIEWING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MICROSCOPES

PRACTICE: Match the microscope with its function.

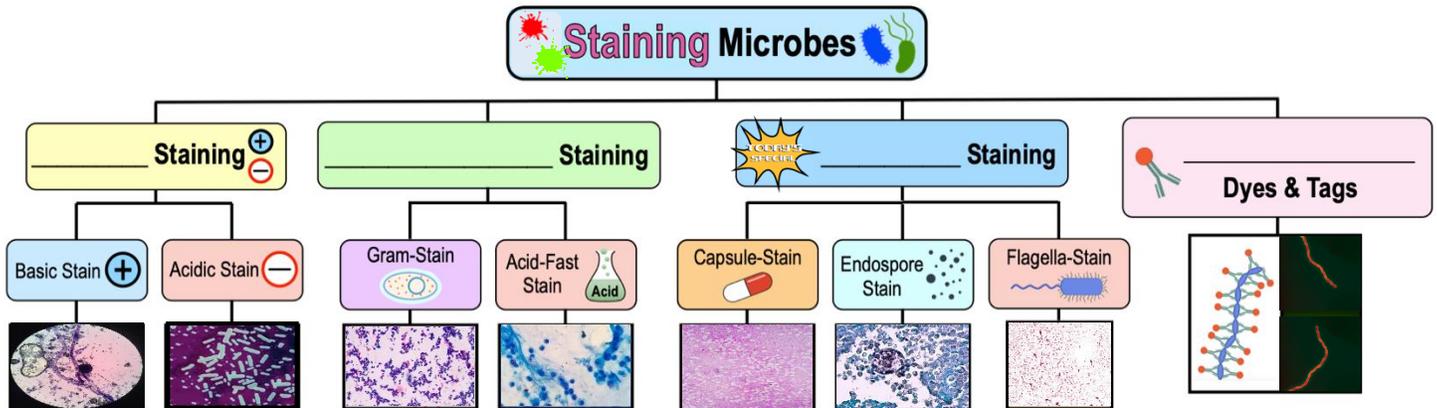
Types of Microscopes:

- A. Confocal Scanning Laser (CSL) Microscope.
- B. Bright-Field Microscope.
- C. Phase-Contrast Microscope.
- D. Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM).
- E. Dark-Field Microscope.
- F. Two-Photon Microscope.
- G. Super Resolution Microscope.
- H. Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM).
- I. Differential Interference Contrast (DIC) Microscope.

1. ____ Creates high contrast, 3D images of deep structures and time lapse images.
2. ____ Creates 2D images from a beam of electrons passing through a specimen.
3. ____ Creates images where the specimen's dense structures appear darker than the gray background.
4. ____ Allows the scientist to view stained or unstained specimens on a bright background.
5. ____ A light microscope with extremely high resolution.
6. ____ Creates 3D images from a beam of electrons scattering off a specimen's surface.
7. ____ Creates very detailed, high contrast, 3D images of live specimens.
8. ____ Allows the scientist to view specimens against a dark background.
9. ____ Creates high contrast, 3D images that show several planes of focus in the specimen.

CONCEPT: INTRODUCTION TO STAINING

- Recall: many unstained microbes are colorless & transparent, creating poor contrast, making them difficult to visualize.
 - _____ microbes with one or more dyes can help to improve contrast.
 - Several different types of stains/dyes & staining techniques can be used in different scenarios.



PRACTICE: Why is staining useful when viewing microbes under a microscope?

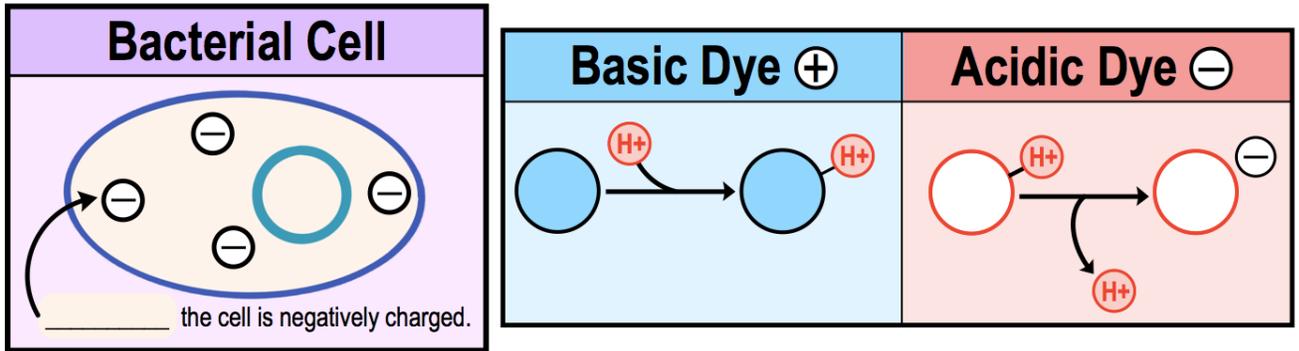
- Staining allows the scientist to better visualize the environment behind the microbe.
- Staining allows the scientist to increase the magnification of the microscope.
- Staining allows the scientist to better visualize microbes which are usually colorless and transparent.

PRACTICE: Gram-Staining is what type of staining technique?

- A special staining technique.
- A differential staining technique.
- A simple staining technique
- A fluorescent staining technique.

CONCEPT: SIMPLE STAINING

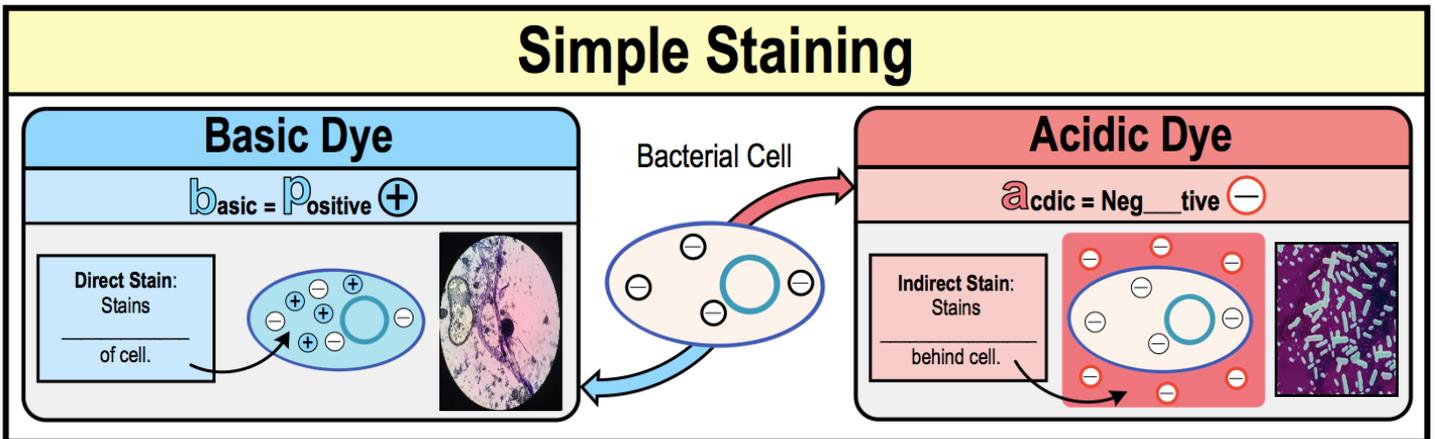
- _____ **Staining:** a *simple* staining procedure using only _____ *single* dye to stain a specimen.
- There are 2 important things to remember regarding simple stains:
 - 1) The *inside* of a bacterial cell is _____ charged with respect to the outside.
 - 2) The dye (*basic* or *acidic*) is only effective _____ it reacts.



Simple Staining Basic & Acidic Dyes

- There are _____ main types of dyes used in *simple* staining:
 - 1) _____ **Dye:** act as *base* to become _____ charged dye particles that stain *inside cells*.
 - Positively charged, basic dye is _____ to negatively charged cell components.
 - 2) _____ **Dye:** act as *acid* to become _____ charged dye particles that stain *backgrounds*.
 - Negatively charged, acidic dye _____ negatively charged cell components & color background.
 - **Negative Staining:** staining procedure using an *acidic* dye to stain _____.

EXAMPLE: Basic & acidic simple staining.



- Simple staining can increase the _____ of a *brightfield* microscope.

CONCEPT: SIMPLE STAINING

PRACTICE: There are two major types of simple stains used to better visualize microorganisms. What are these two types of simple stains and how do they differ?

- a) Basic stain is a positively charged dye; Acidic stain is a neutral dye.
- b) Basic stain is a positively charged dye; Acidic stain is a negatively charged dye.
- c) Basic stain is an indirect stain; Acidic stain is a direct stain.

PRACTICE: Simple staining is a procedure often used to increase the contrast of _____ microscopes.

- a) Dark-field microscopes.
- b) Fluorescence microscopes.
- c) Compound light (brightfield) microscopes.
- d) Transmission electron microscopes.

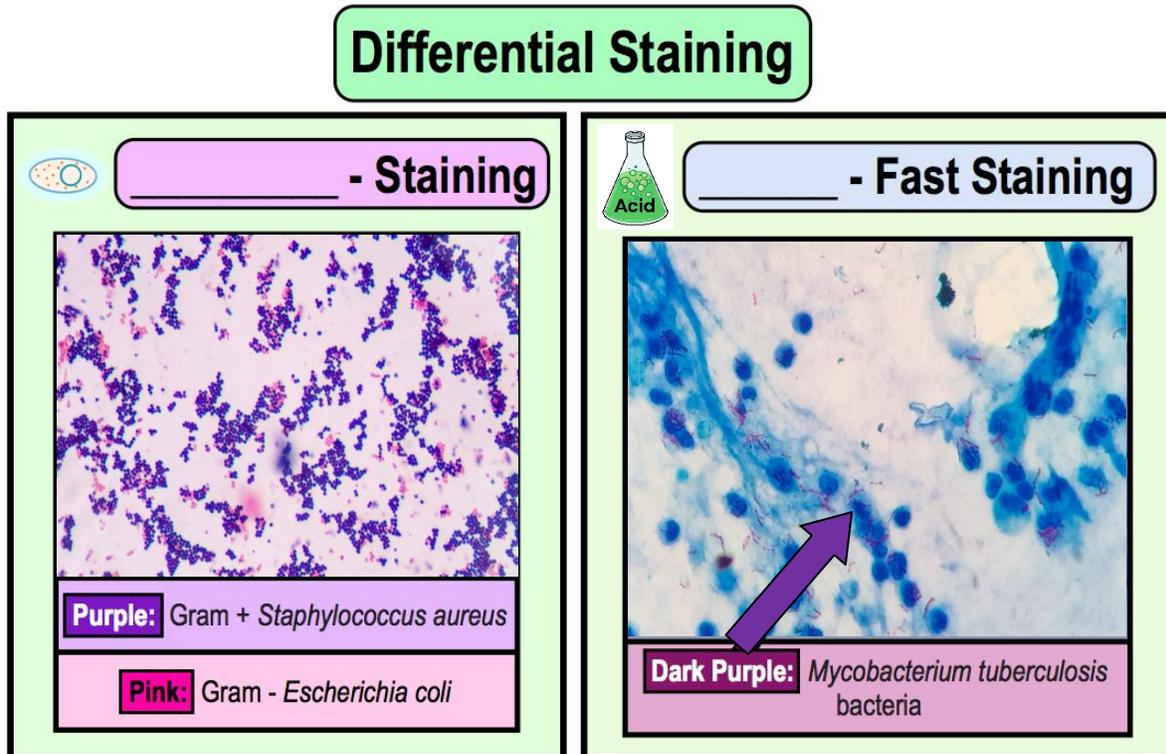
PRACTICE: Which of the following statements is true?

- a) A basic dye is negatively charged & stains the outside of a cell while an acidic dye is positively charged & stains the inside of a cell.
- b) A basic dye is positively charged & stains the inside of a cell while an acidic dye is negatively charged & stains the outside of a cell.
- c) A basic dye is positively charged & stains the outside of a cell while an acidic dye is negatively charged & stains the inside of a cell.
- d) A basic dye is negatively charged & stains the inside of a cell while an acidic dye is negatively charged & stains the outside of a cell.

CONCEPT: DIFFERENTIAL STAINING

- _____ **Staining:** uses multiple dyes to distinguish/*differentiate* different groups of bacteria.
 - Two most common examples are _____ stain & _____-fast stain.
 - **Gram-Stain:** differentiates bacteria based on differences in the cell _____ (gram-positive vs gram-negative).
 - **Acid-Fast Stain:** identifies acid-fast bacteria with a _____ material (mycolic acid) in their cell walls.

EXAMPLE: Types of differential staining.



PRACTICE: A scientist is examining more than one species of bacteria under a microscope at the same time. The scientist decides to differentiate the bacterial cells based on their cell wall/cell envelope structure. Which staining technique should she use?

- a) Gram-staining.
- b) Basic staining.
- c) Envelope staining.
- d) None of the above.

PRACTICE: A scientist has a sample containing a variety of different bacteria species. She wishes to identify which bacteria in her sample are of the genus *Mycobacterium*. *Mycobacterium* have a wax-like, nearly impermeable cell wall which contains mycolic acid. Which type of staining technique should the scientist use to identify the *Mycobacterium*?

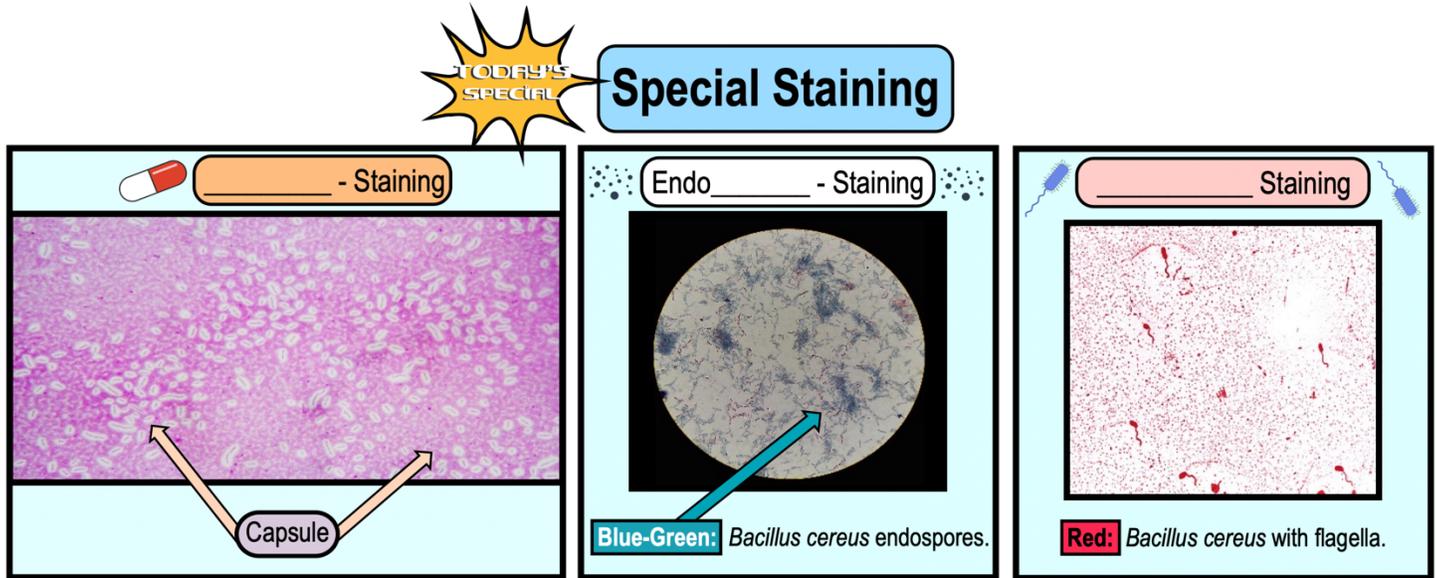
- a) Basic staining.
- b) Gram-staining.
- c) Mycolic staining.
- d) Acid-fast staining.

CONCEPT: OTHER TYPES OF STAINING

Special Staining

- _____ **Staining:** special procedures used to stain very specific structures inside or outside cells.
 - Examples include *capsule* stain, *endospore* stain & _____ stain.

EXAMPLE: Types of special staining.



PRACTICE: Which of these is considered a special stain that correctly matches its description?

- Endospore stain: stains the capsules of bacteria found in the human eye.
- Gram-stain: used to differentiate gram-negative from gram-positive bacteria.
- Acid-fast stain: identifies acid-fast bacteria that contain mycolic acid in their cell walls.
- Flagella stain: stains the flagellum of bacteria like *Bacillus cereus*.

PRACTICE: What is the major difference between special staining techniques and differential staining techniques?

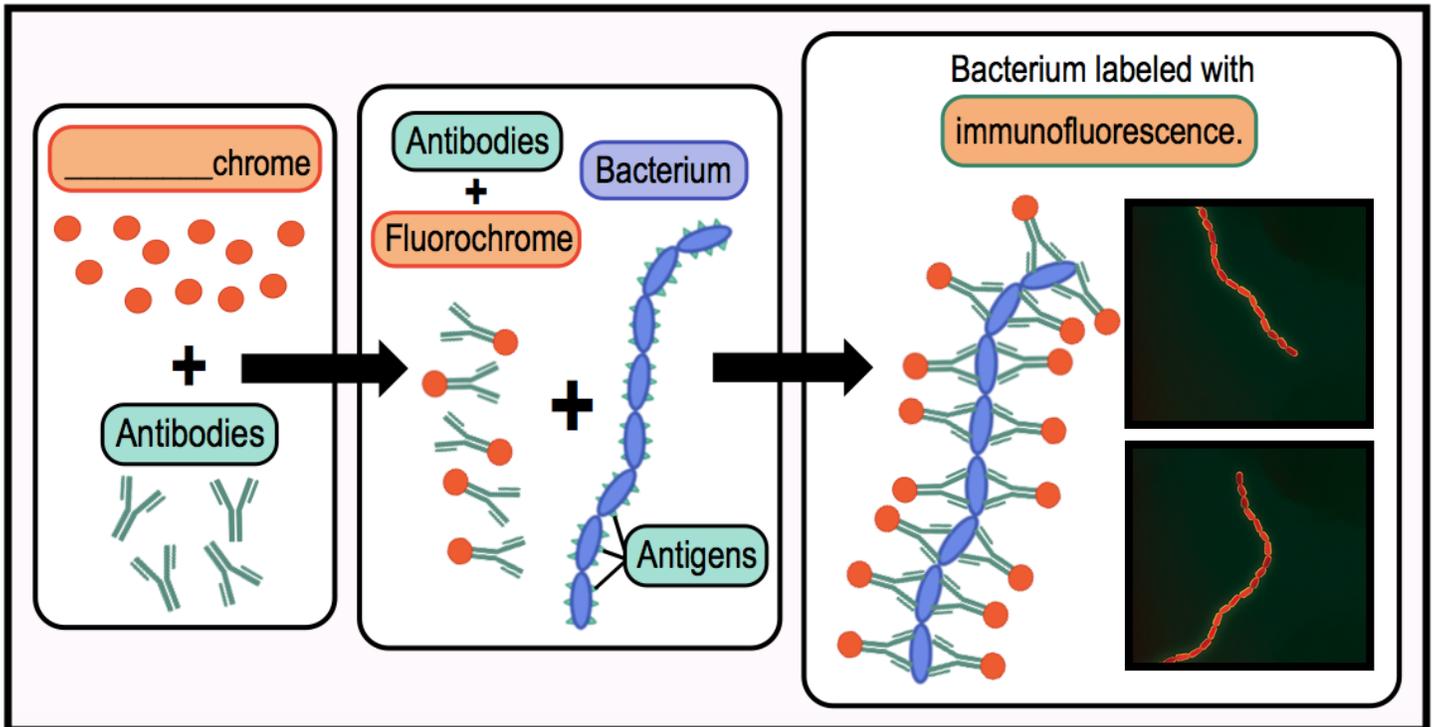
- Special staining stains the background behind the specimen. Differential staining stains the specimen.
- Special staining stains specific structures of a cell. Differential staining differentiates different type of specimens.
- Special staining differentiates gram + from gram – cells. Differential staining stains capsules and flagella.

CONCEPT: OTHER TYPES OF STAINING

Fluorescent Dyes

- Recall: _____ dyes & *immunofluorescence* can be used to observe cells &/or cell components.
 - **Immunofluorescence:** technique combining a *fluorochrome* with an _____ to tag specific objects.
 - Some fluorescent dyes can be changed by cellular processes to distinguish *living* from *dead* cells.

 _____ **fluorescence**

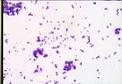
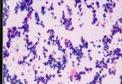
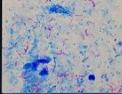
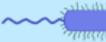
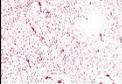


PRACTICE: _____ is/are used to attach fluorochrome molecules to antigens on the surface of bacterial cells in immunofluorescence.

- a) DNA.
- b) Ribosomes.
- c) Antibodies.
- d) Flagella.

CONCEPT: REVIEWING THE TYPES OF STAINING

•Now let's review the types of staining:

Type of Stain	Description	
Simple Stains ⊕ ⊖	A simple dye which stains cells or the _____ behind cells.	
Differential Stains	A procedure that stains different microorganisms different colors.	
 _____ Stains	A procedure that stains Gram + and Gram - bacteria cells different colors.	
 Acid-Fast Stains	A dye used to stain microorganisms that are not easily stained.	
Special Stains	A procedure that stains specific cell structures.	
 _____ Stain	A procedure that stains the background so the capsules of cells visually stand out.	
 Endospore Stain	A special dye used to stain endospores which normally do not stain.	
 Flagella Stain	A special dye that coats the outside of the _____ making it more visible.	
Fluorescent Dyes & Tags 	Fluorescent Dyes: Dyes which can be made to stain all cells or only specific cell structures. Fluorescent Tags: Antibodies with an attached fluorescent _____ which stain specific molecules.	

PRACTICE: Which of the following stains is NOT correctly matched with its function or purpose?

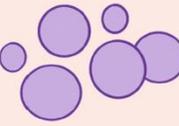
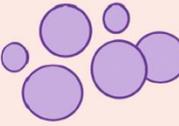
- Gram-stain: A staining technique that stains gram-positive and gram-negative bacterial cells different colors.
- Simple stain: A staining technique that can stain all types of bacteria cells, including bacterial endospores.
- Acid-fast stain: A technique used to stain bacteria that possess mycolic acid in their cell walls.
- Capsule stain: A staining technique that stains the background behind bacteria to allow their capsules to visually stand out.

PRACTICE: Which of these is considered a differential stain and why?

- Flagella stain: differentiates the flagella from the rest of the structures of the cell.
- Capsule stain: differentiates the capsule from the background behind the bacterium.
- Gram-stain: differentiates two types of bacteria, gram-positive and gram-negative.

CONCEPT: GRAM STAIN

- Recall: _____ -Stain: a *differential* stain separating bacteria into 2 major groups based on *cell wall* differences.
 - Consists of a series of _____ steps:

Gram-Staining		Gram +	Gram -
Steps	State of Bacteria		
1 Sample is stained with crystal _____ dye.	All cells are stained purple .		
2 Sample is treated with an _____ solution.	All cells remain purple . Iodine ensures crystal violet dye is affixed to gram + cells.		
3 Sample is treated with _____ (alcohol & acetone).	Gram ○ cells remain purple . Gram ○ cells become colorless.		
4 Sample is stained with the counterstain _____ .	Gram ○ cells remain purple . Gram ○ cells become pink .		

PRACTICE: Which of the following answers lists the steps of gram-staining in the correct order?

- a) Stain with primary stain (crystal violet), add iodine, add decolorizer, stain with counterstain (safranin).
- b) Add iodine, add decolorizer, stain with primary stain (crystal violet), stain with counterstain (safranin).
- c) Stain with primary stain (crystal violet), add decolorizer, stain with counterstain (safranin), add iodine.
- d) None of the above are correct.

PRACTICE: Which of the following reagents is used to stain gram negative cells pink (or red) in the gram stain?

- a) Iodine.
- b) Safranin.
- c) Crystal violet.
- d) Decolorizing agent.

CONCEPT: GRAM STAIN

PRACTICE: Which of the following statements is false?

- a) Crystal violet is used to stain the cells purple.
- b) Alcohol is used to kill the bacteria that are not stained.
- c) Gram positive cells end up being stained purple.
- d) Iodine is used to affix the crystal violet dye to gram positive cells.

PRACTICE: Results from a gram stain show that these bacteria are:

- a) Gram negative.
- b) Gram positive.
- c) Gram neutral.



PRACTICE: A scientist has a sample with two different species of bacteria. The first species is *Staphylococcus aureus*, a gram-positive bacterium. The second species is *Escherichia coli*, a gram-negative bacterium. The scientist gram-stains his sample of bacteria. What colors will the two species of bacteria be after staining?

- a) *Staphylococcus aureus*: pink; *Escherichia coli*: purple.
- b) *Staphylococcus aureus*: purple; *Escherichia coli*: pink.
- c) Both *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* will be purple.