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Topic 3: Cell Structures

Chloroplasts are double membrane organelles with a smooth outer membrane and an inner membrane folded into disc-shaped sacs called **thylakoids**. Thylakoids, containing chlorophyll and other **accessory pigments** (**red**, **orange**, **yellow**, **brown**), are in stacks called **granum** (**grana**, plural). Grana are connected to each other by structures called **lamellae**, and they are surrounded by a gel-like material called **stroma**. *Color and label* the parts of a chloroplast in figure 1.

Outer Membrane
Inner Membrane
Thylakoid
Grana
Lamellae
Stroma

- 1. How many membranes surround a chloroplast? two
- 2. The outer membrane is Smooth
- 3. The INDIVIDUAL SACS formed by the inner membrane are called **thylakoids** and are arranged in **stacks** like pancakes.

Granum

4. What pigment is found inside a thylakoid? What color will it be? chlorophyll; green

FIGURE 1-CHLOROPLAST

5. Other pigments that trap sunlight are called A<u>ccessory</u> pigments. What colors are these pigments? Red, orange, yellow, brown

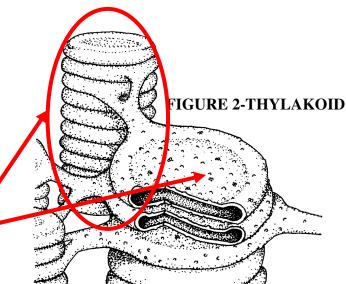
6. STACKS of thylakoids are called G<u>rana</u> (plural) or

GRANUM (singular).

7. Stacks or grana are connected to each other by

lamellae.

Light-capturing pigments in the grana are organized into **photosystems**. On Figure 2, *color and label* a single thylakoid (SINGLE DISK). In figure 2, *color and label* a granum (STACK).



Mitochondria are the powerhouses of the cell because they "burn" or break the chemical bonds of glucose to release energy to do work in a cell. Remember that this energy originally came from the sun and was stored in chemical bonds by plants during photosynthesis. Glucose and other carbohydrates made by plants during photosynthesis are broken down by the process of aerobic cellular respiration (requires oxygen) in the mitochondria of the cell. This releases energy (ATP) for the cell. The more active a cell (such as a muscle cell), the more mitochondria it will have. The mitochondria are about the size of a bacterial cell and are often peanut-shaped. Mitochondria have their own DNA and a double membrane like the nucleus and chloroplast. The outer membrane is smooth, while the inner membrane is convoluted into folds called cristae in order to increase the surface area.

- 8. What cell process occurs in the mitochondria? <u>Cellular respiration</u>
- 9. Why do some cells have MORE mitochondria? Give an example. Some cells have larger energy requirements (such as muscle cells)
- 10. What simple sugar is broken down in the mitochondria? **qlucose**
- 11. Where does the energy in glucose come from ORIGINALLY? The sun
- 12. Where is this energy stored in glucose? <u>Chemical bonds</u>
- 13. Why is cellular respiration an aerobic process? It requires oxygen
- 14. What energy is released when the chemical bonds of glucose are broken? ATP
- 15. The outer membrane of the mitochondria is Smooth.
- 16. Why is the inner mitochondrial membrane folded? <u>Increase surface area to maximize ATP production</u>
- 17. What are the folds called? Cristae

Notice the smooth **outer membrane** and the folded **inner membrane** on figure 3. The folding greatly increases the surface area of the membrane so that carbohydrates (simple sugars) can combine with oxygen to produce ATP, **adenosine triphosphate** (the energy molecule of the cell). The **electron transport chain** takes place across the membranes of the **cristae** (**crista**, singular). Inside the cristae is a space called the **matrix** that contains enzymes needed for cellular respiration. *Color and label* the parts of the mitochondria on figure 3.

