

# The Discovery of Cells



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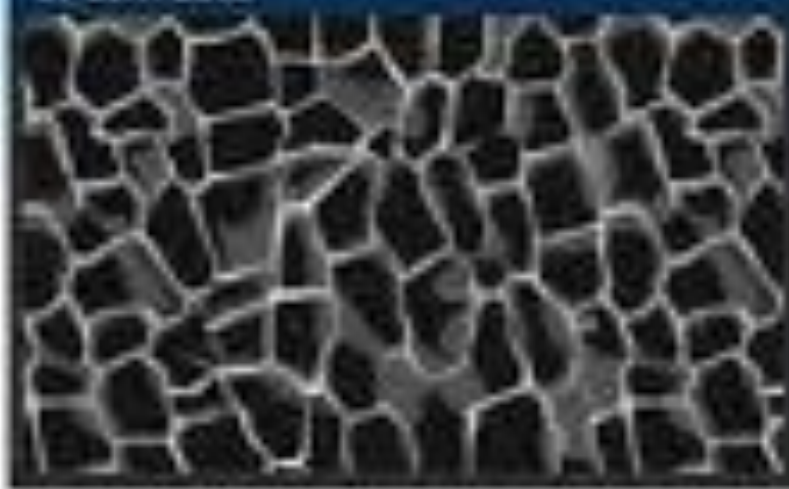
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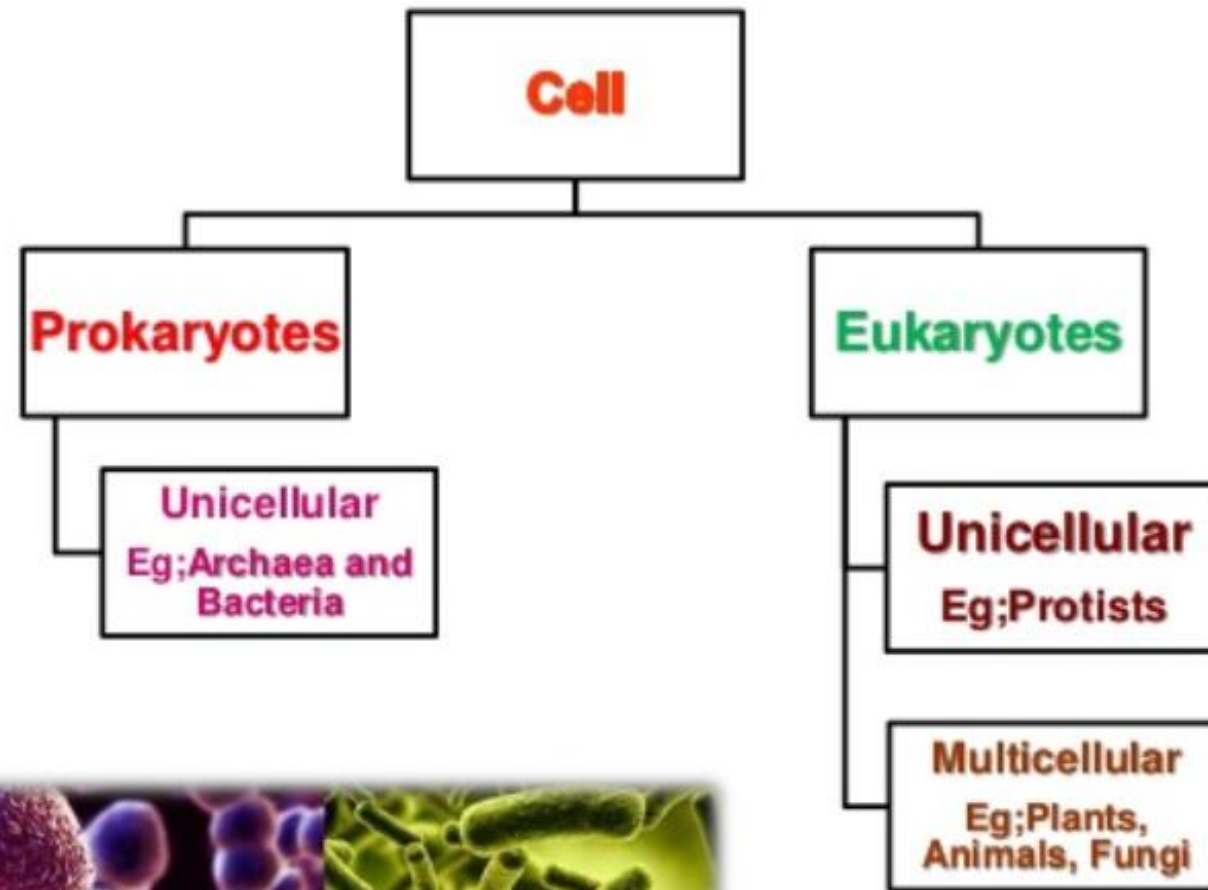


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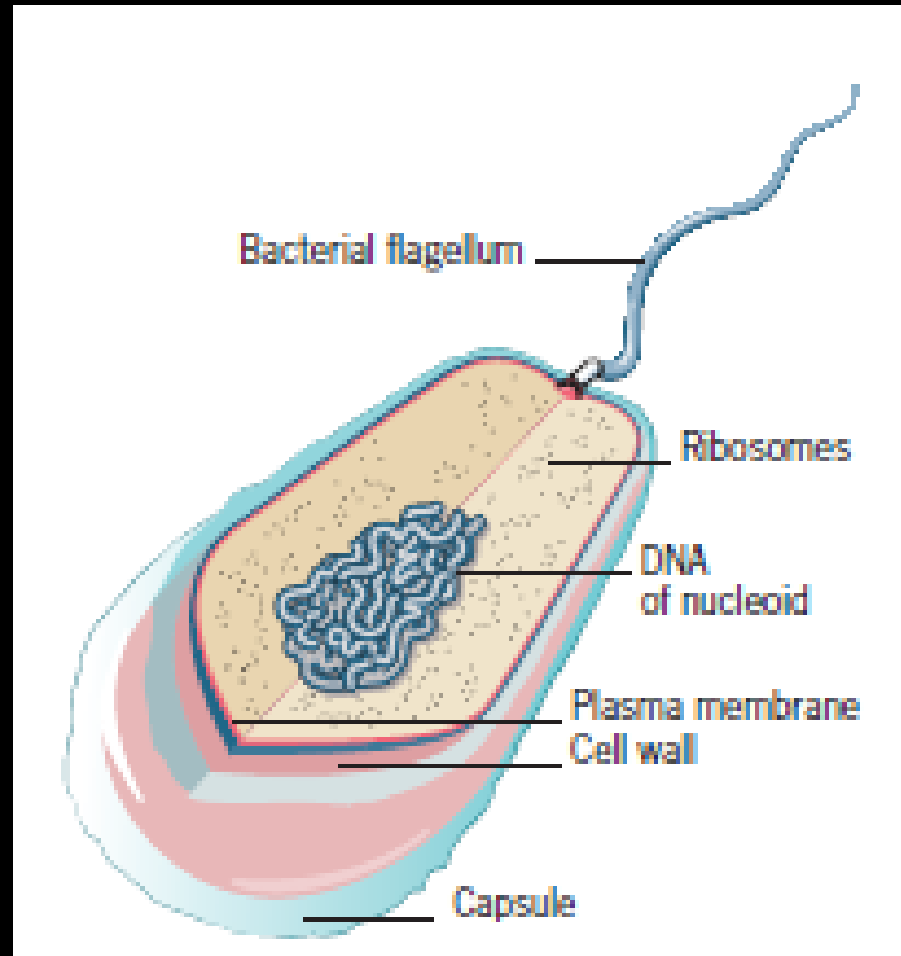


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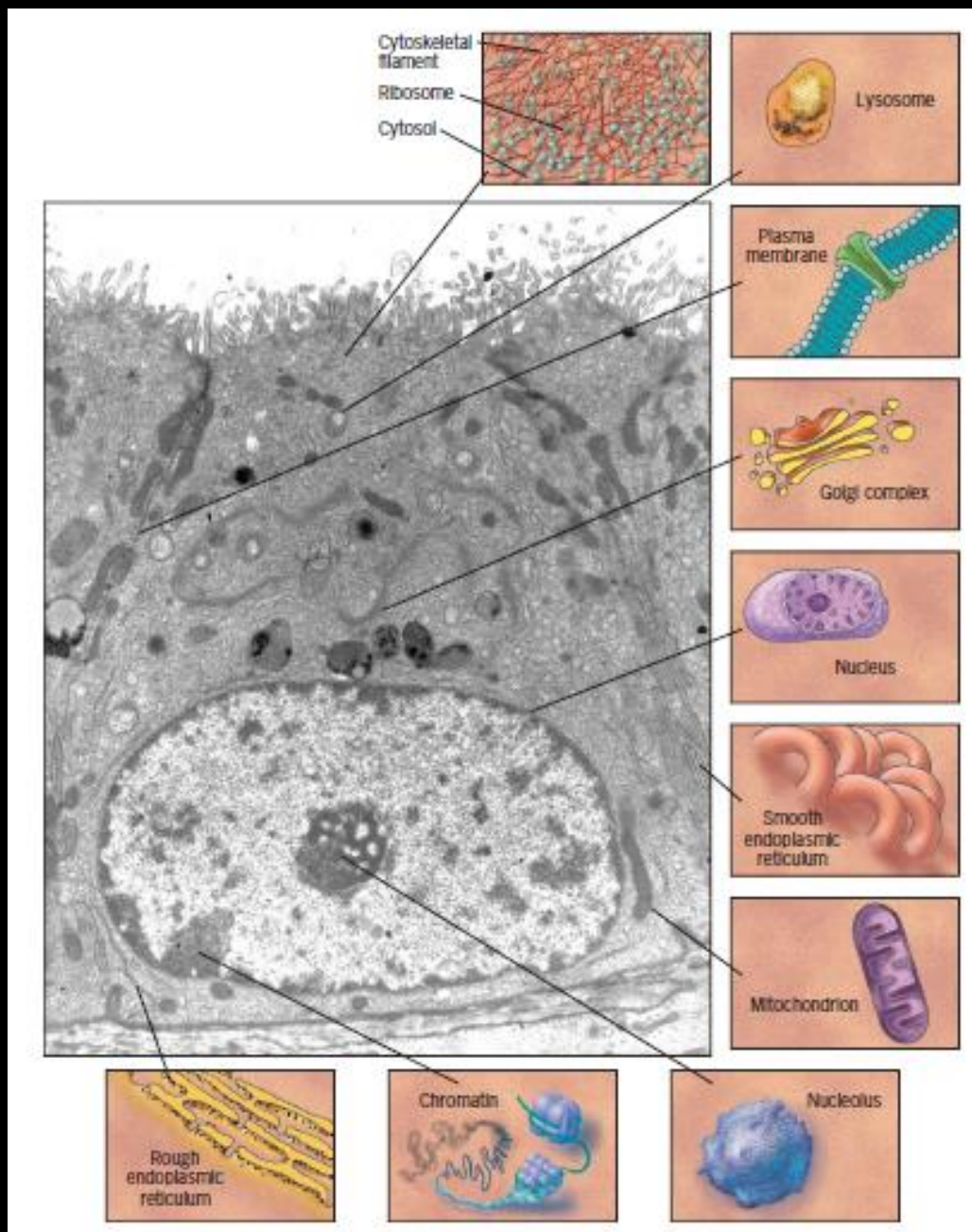




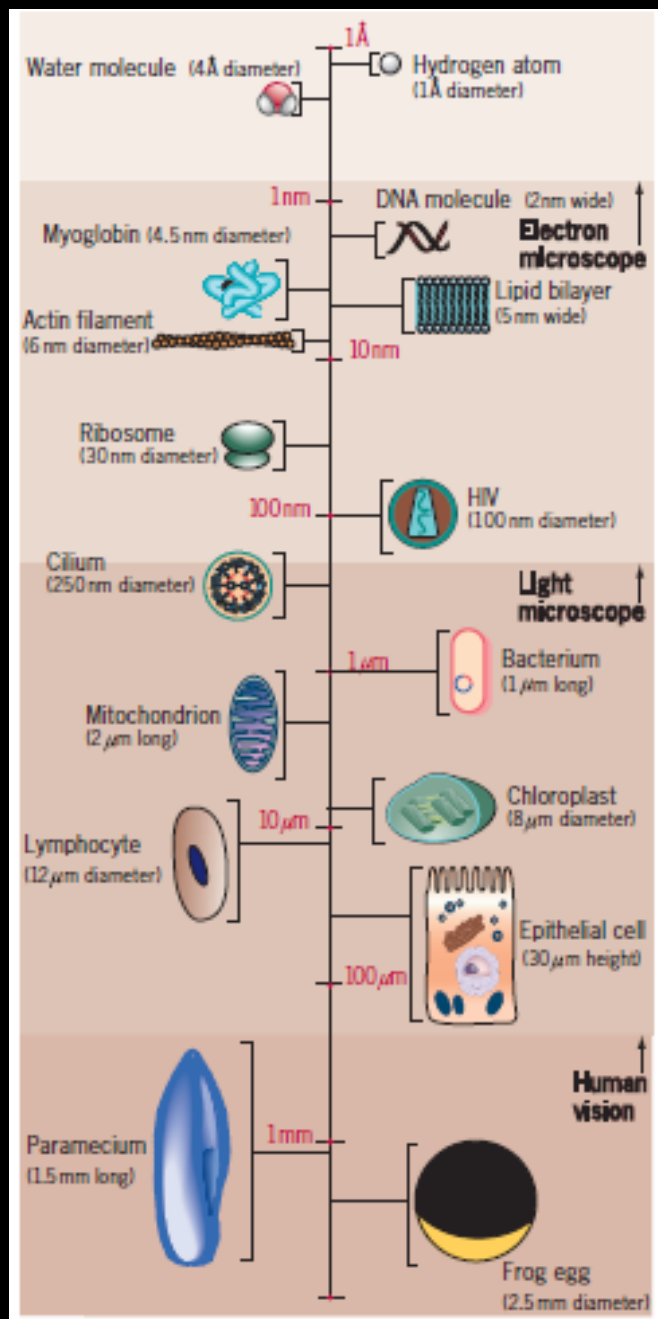
# PROKARYOTIC CELL: Archaea or Eubacteria



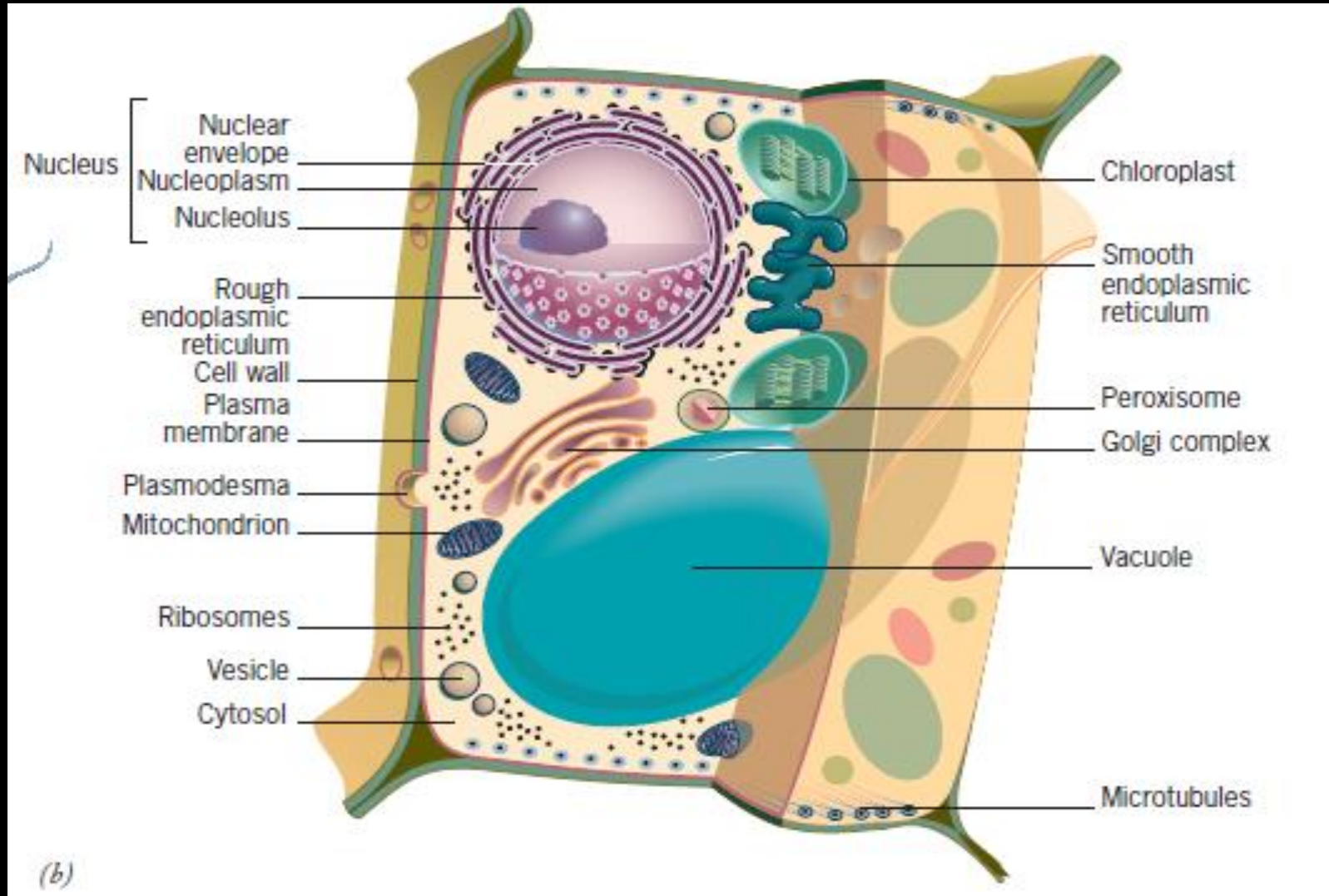




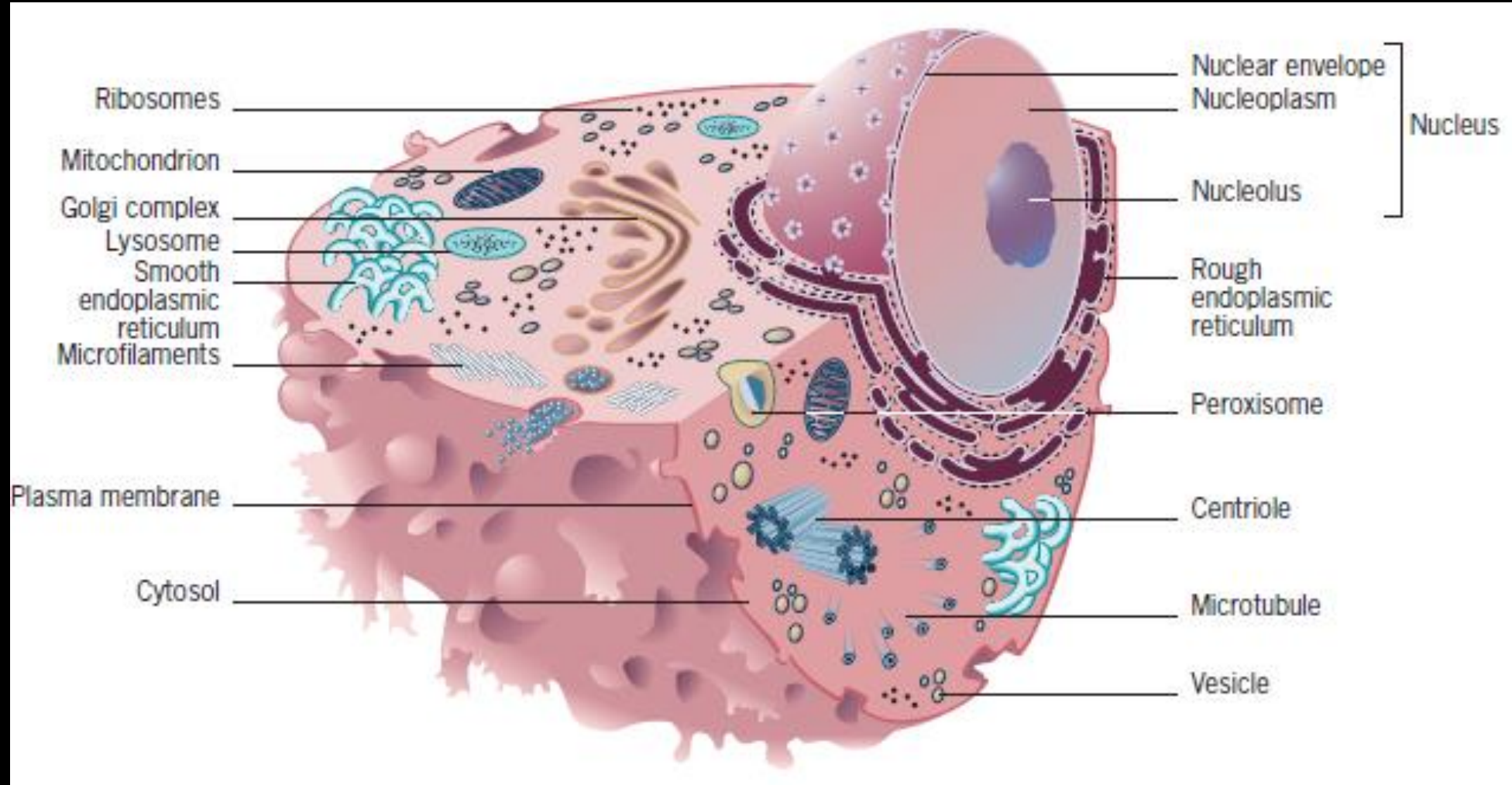
# EUKARYOTIC CELL



# PLANT CELL



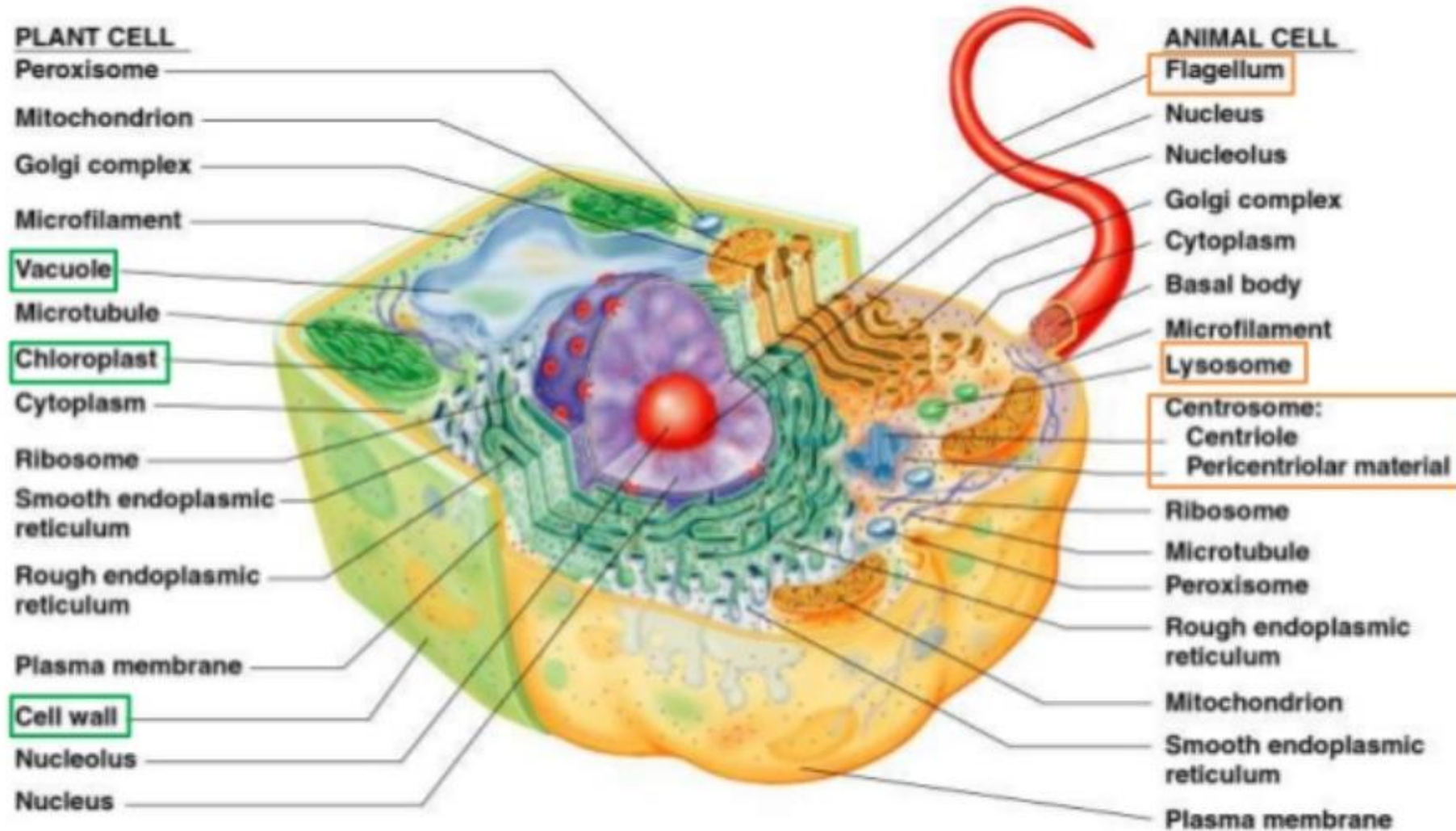
# ANIMAL CELL



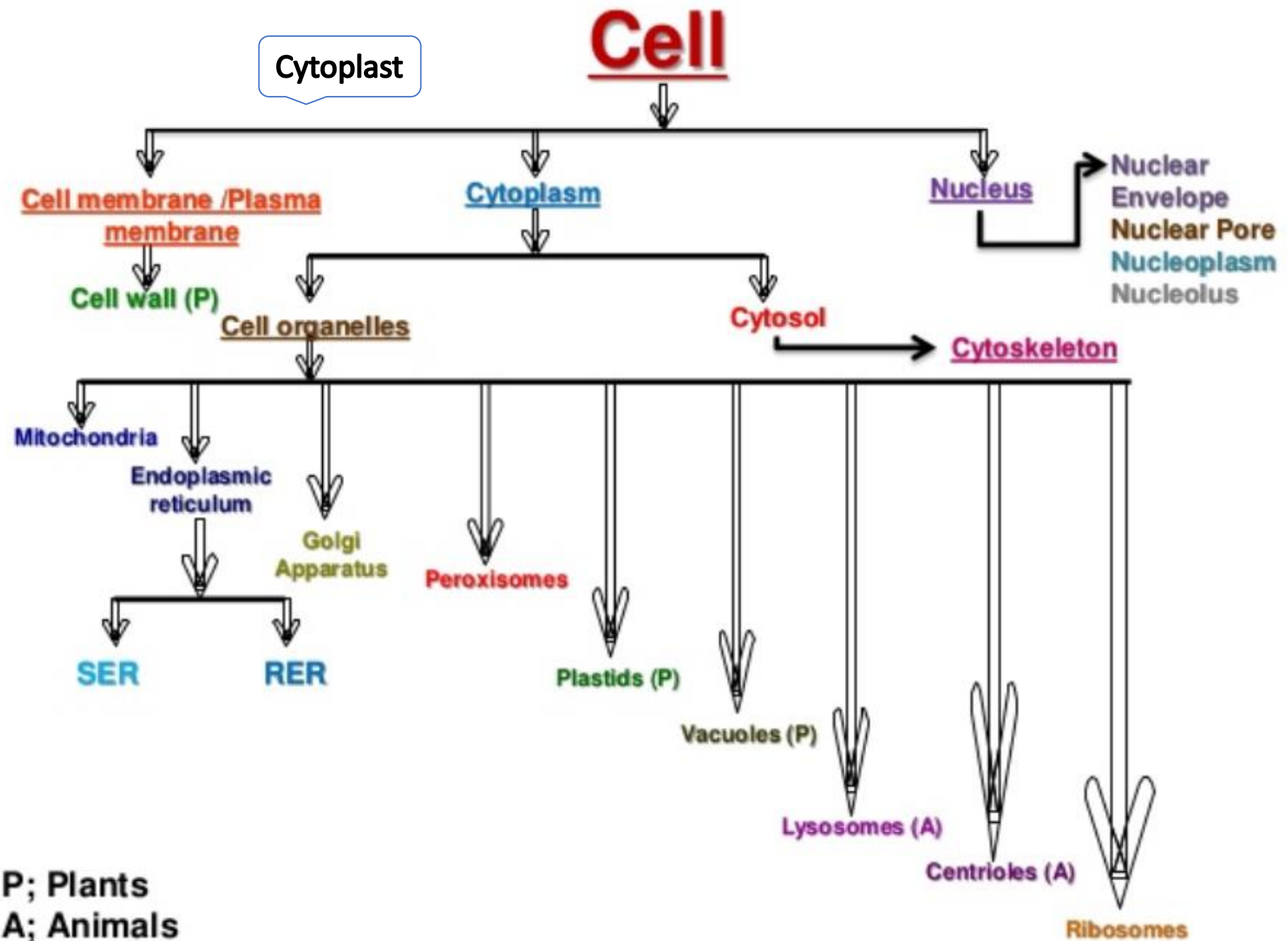


# Plant cell vs Animal cell

Tonoplast

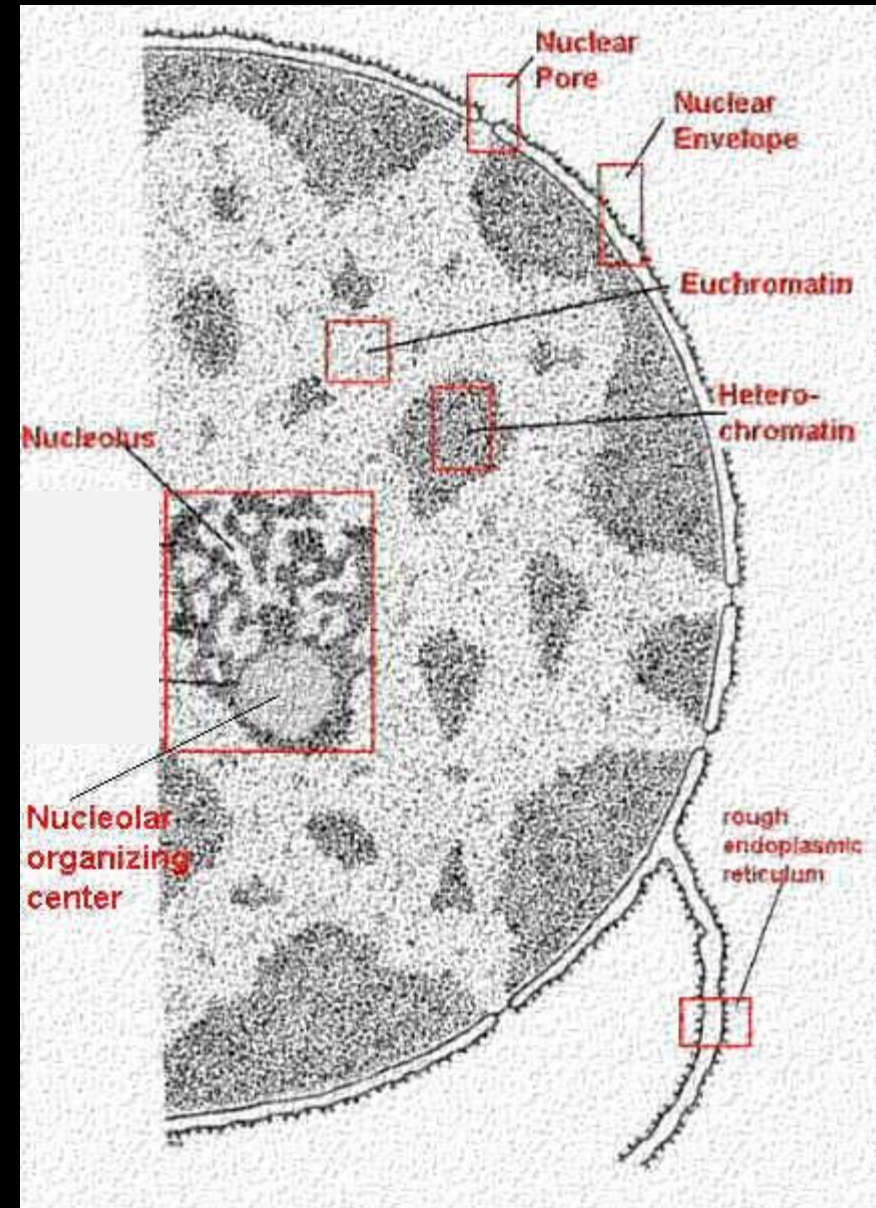
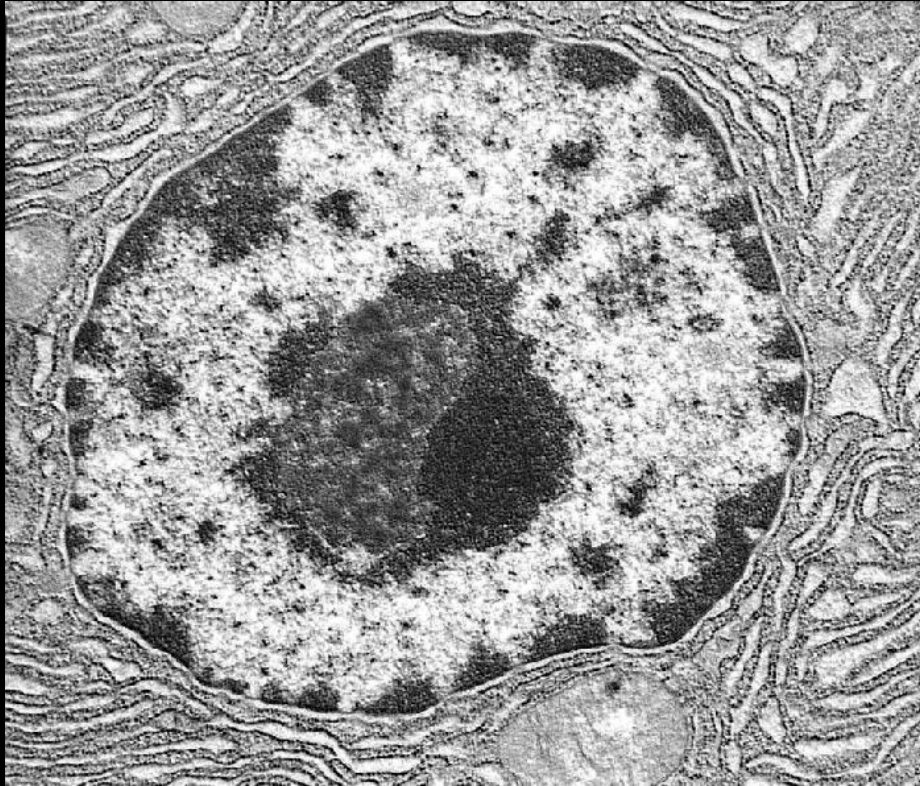


(a) Highly schematic diagram of a composite eukaryotic cell, half plant and half animal



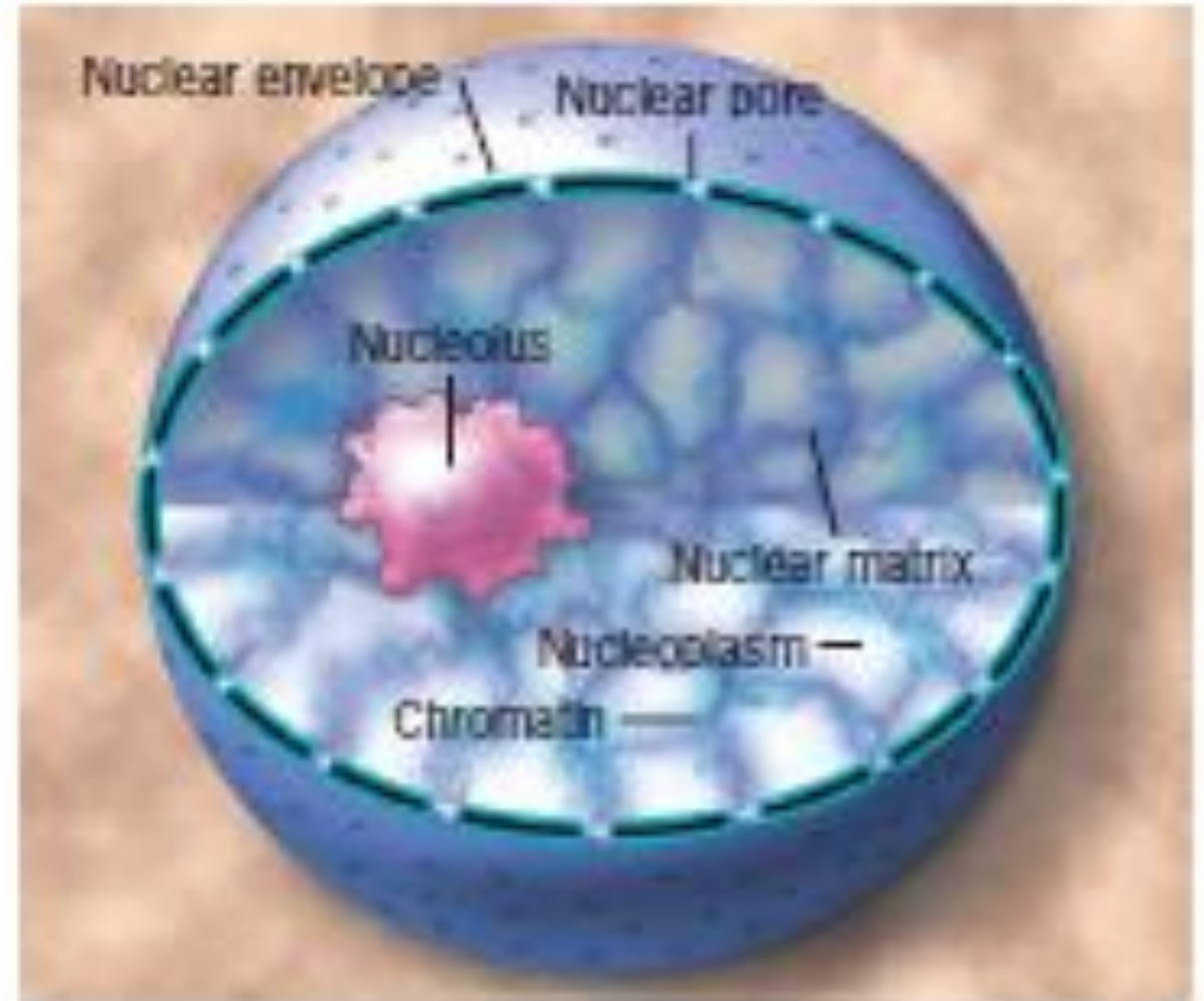
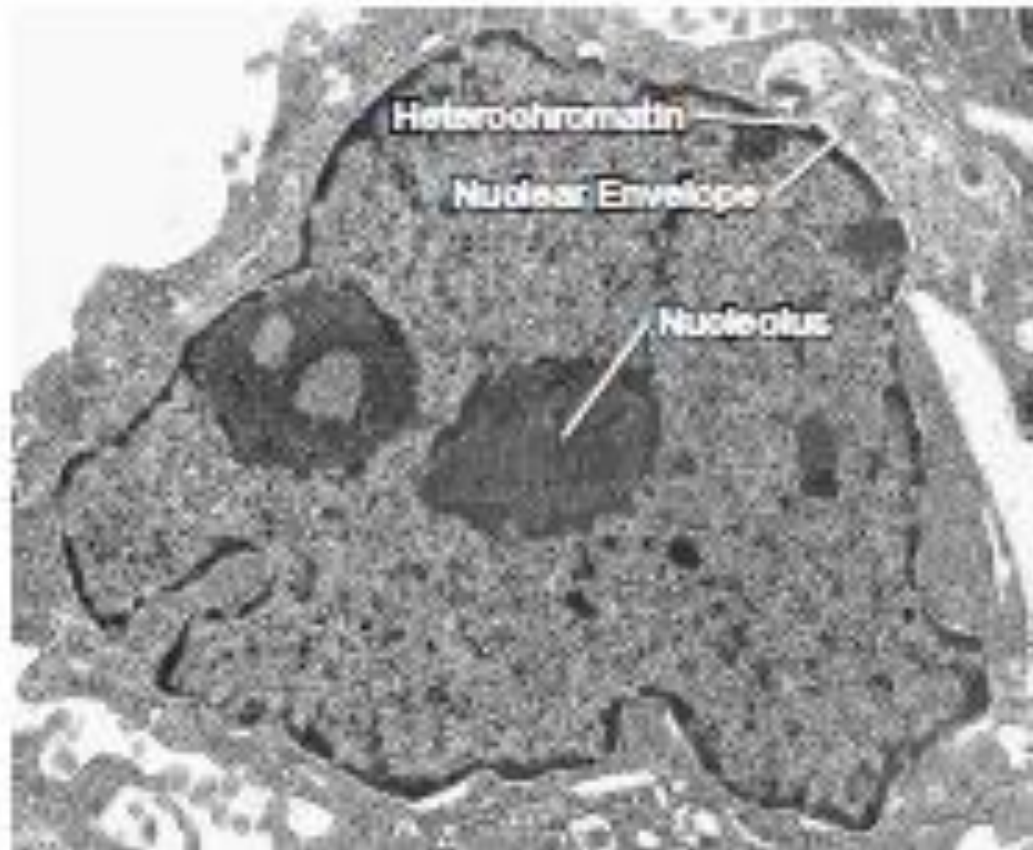


# Unit 3(e): Nucleus





# NUCLEUS





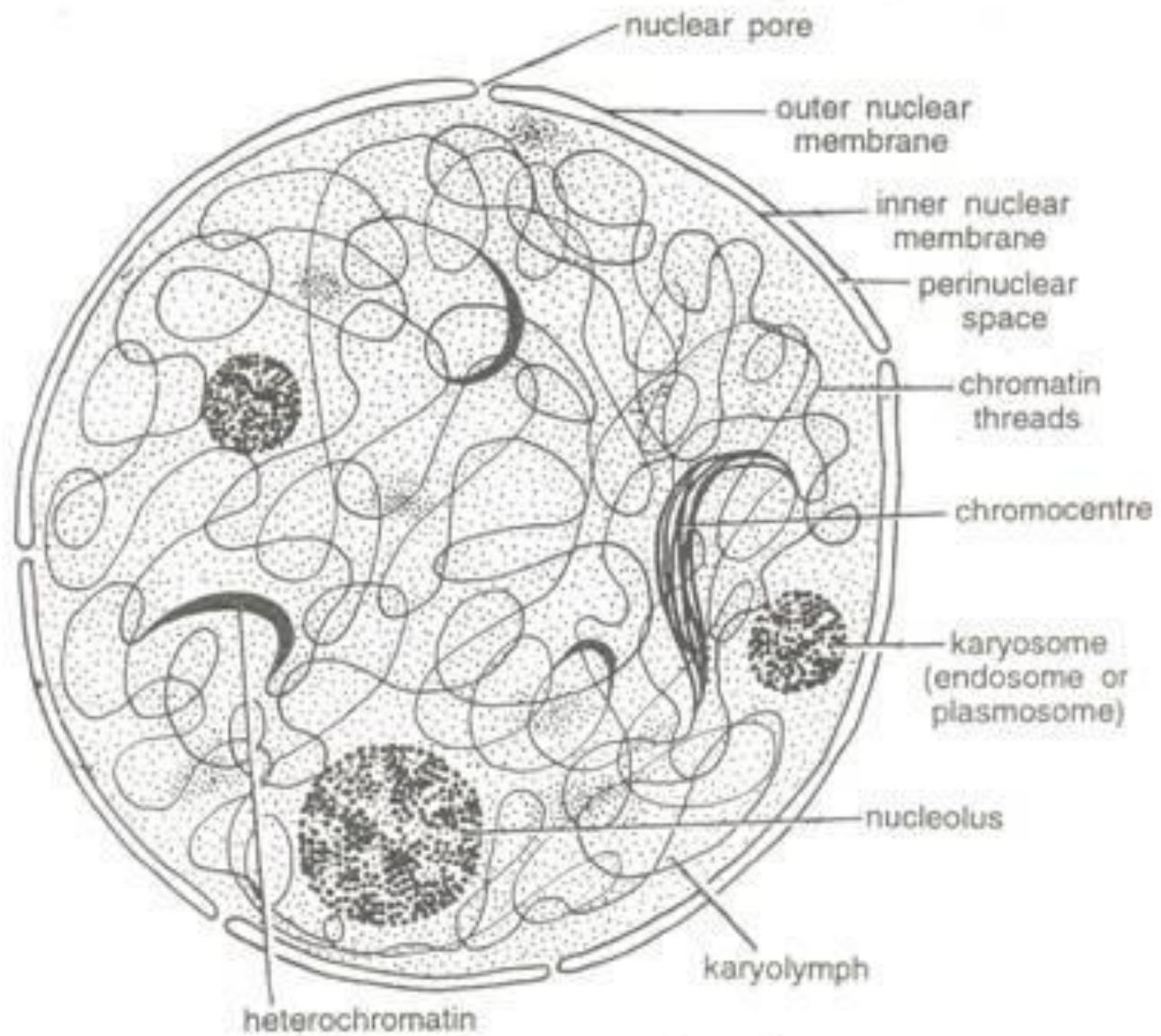


Fig. 2. Ultrastructure of a nucleus.

**Heterochromatin**



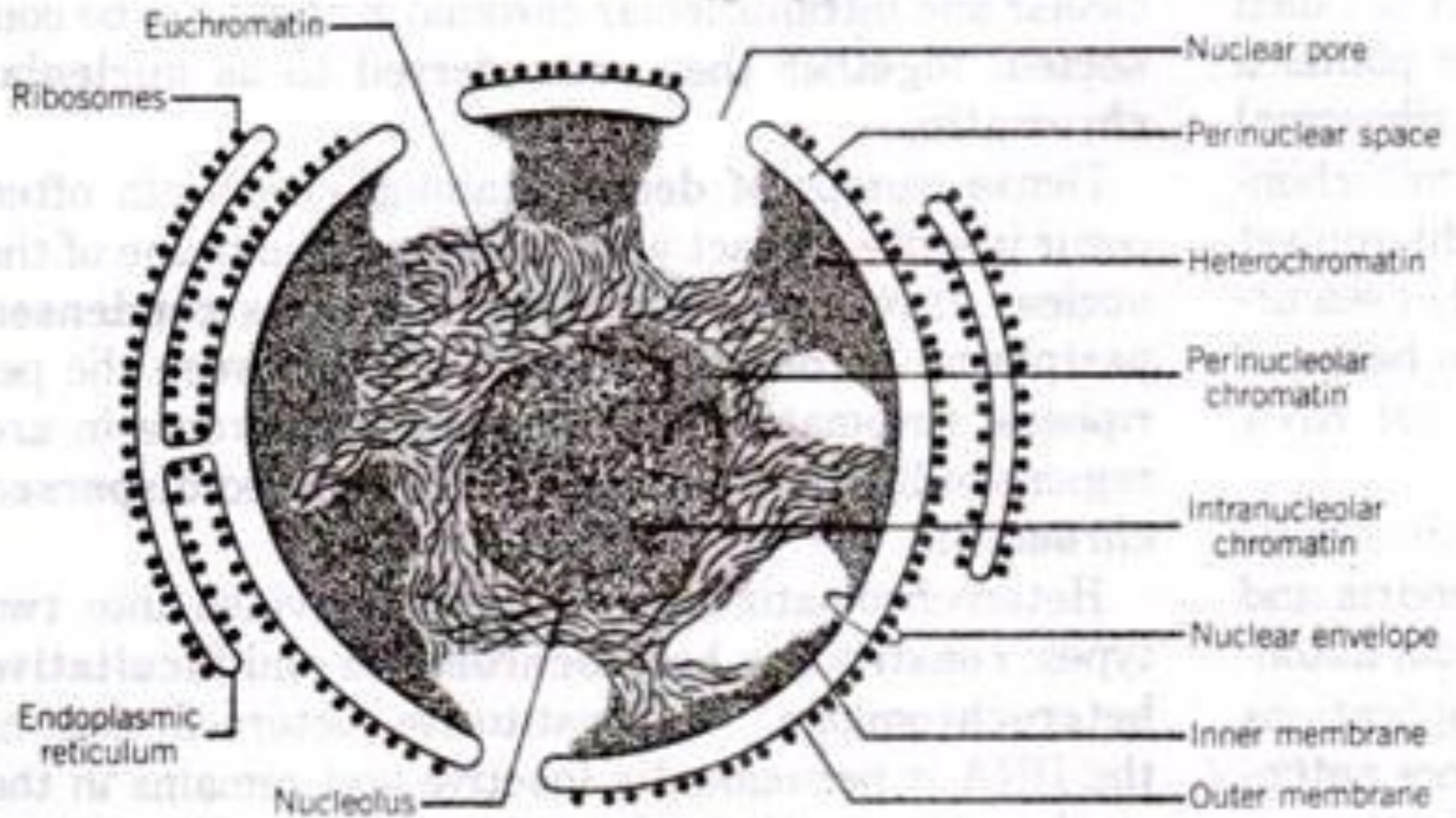
Histone methylation  
Histone deacetylation  
Corepressor complexes



Coactivator complexes  
Loss of H1  
Histone modifications  
e.g. acetylation, phosphorylation, methylation

**Euchromatin**







1  $\mu\text{m}$



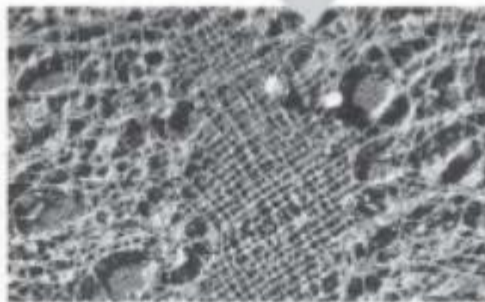
▲ Surface of nuclear envelope

0.25  $\mu\text{m}$

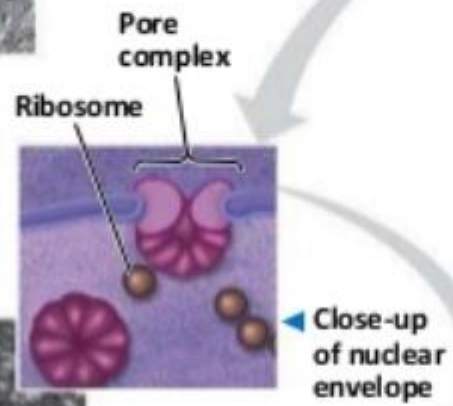


▲ Pore complexes (TEM)

1  $\mu\text{m}$



▲ Nuclear lamina (TEM)



▲ Close-up of nuclear envelope

Nucleolus

Chromatin

Nuclear envelope:

Inner membrane

Outer membrane

Nuclear pore

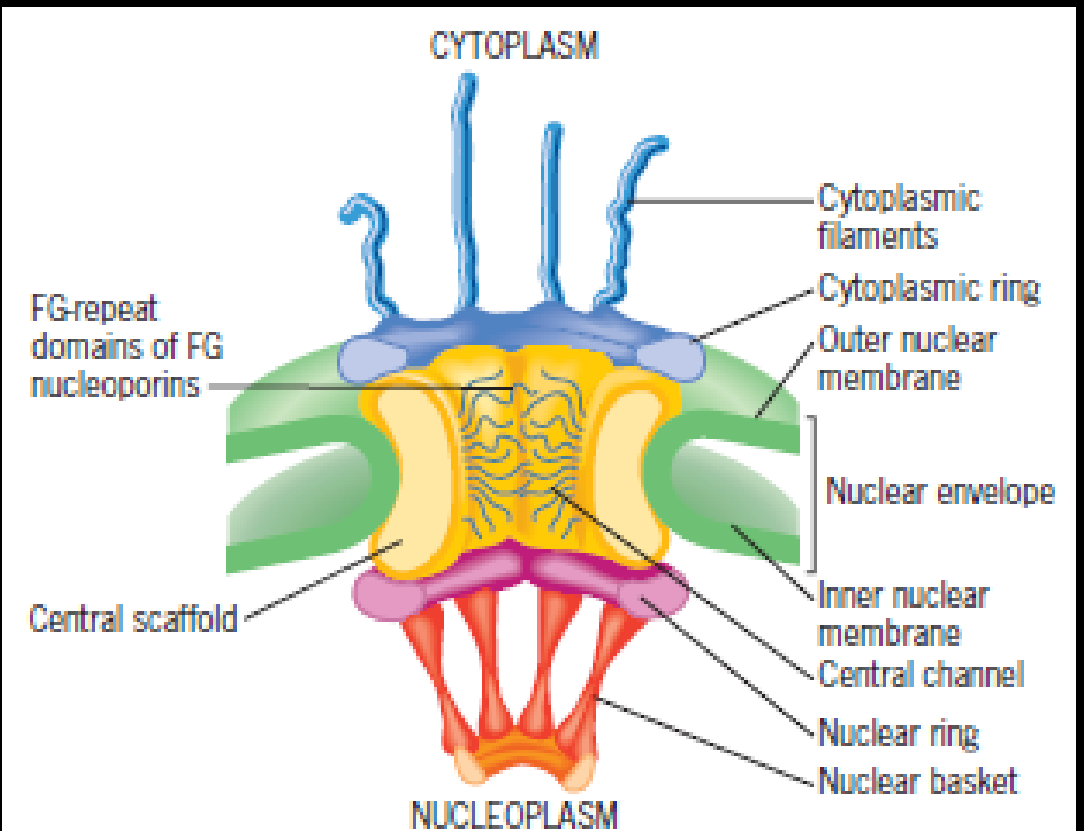
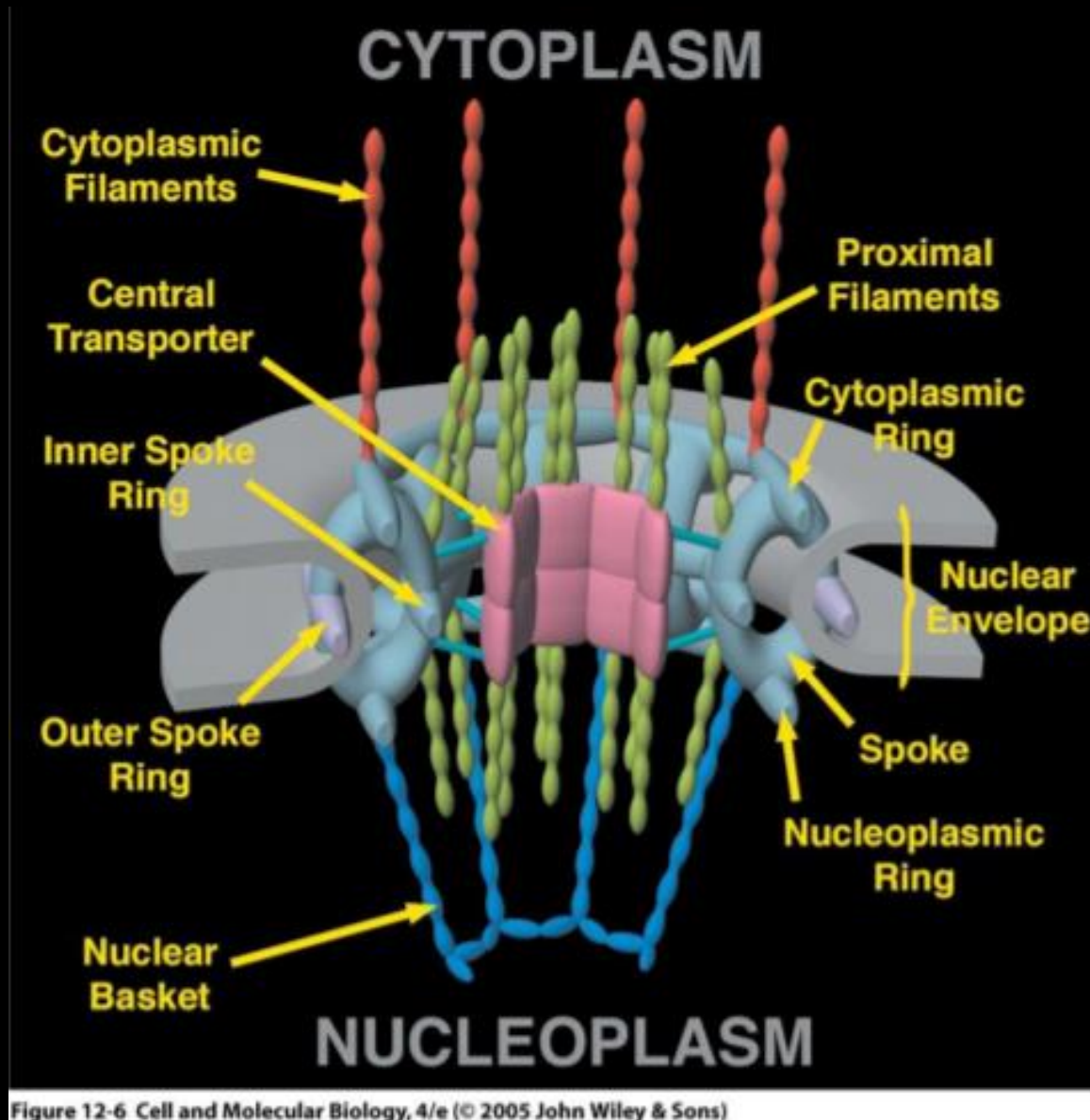
Nucleus

Rough ER

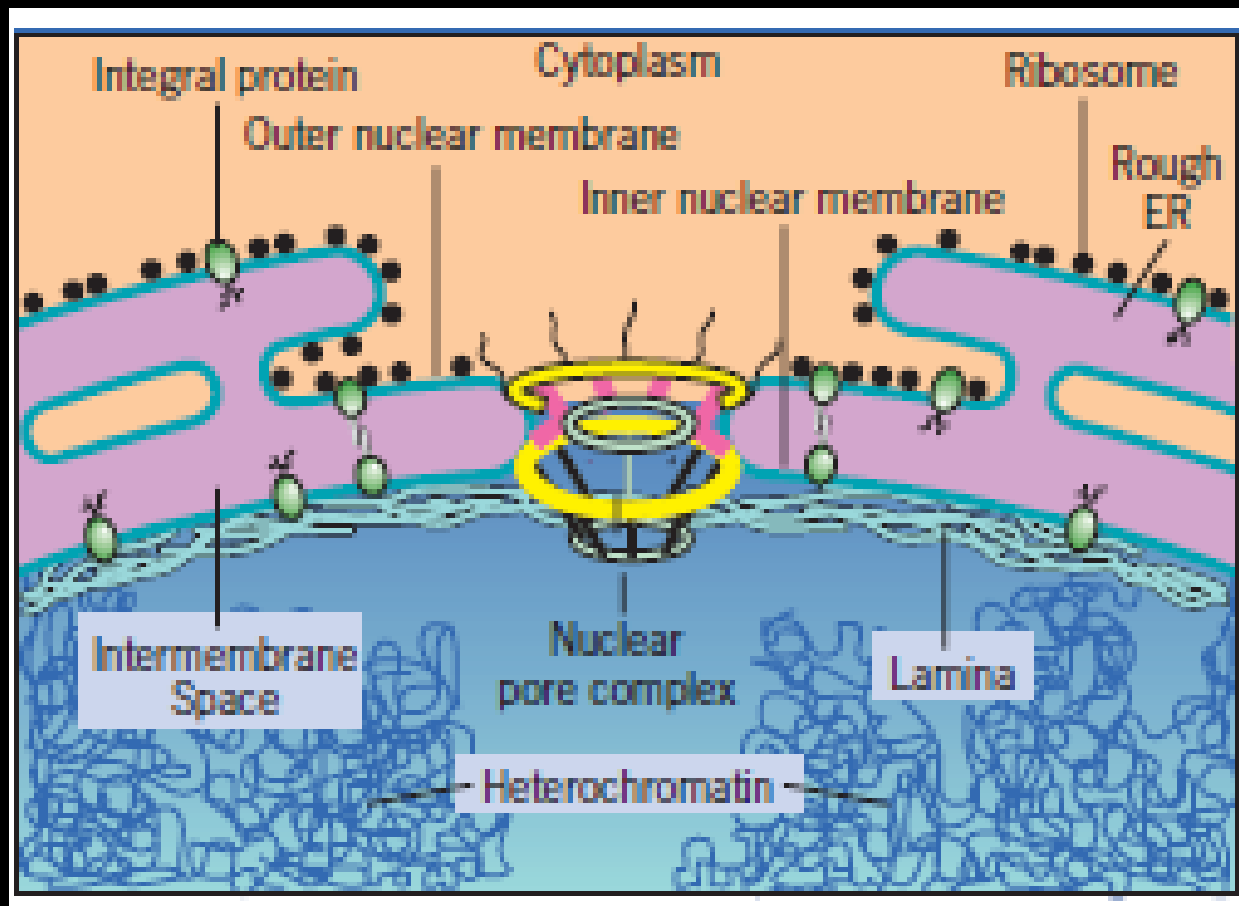
▲ Chromatin



# Nuclear Pore Complex



**FIGURE 12.6** A model of a vertebrate nuclear pore complex (NPC). Three-dimensional representation of a vertebrate NPC as it is situated within the nuclear envelope. This elaborate structure consists of several parts, including a scaffold that anchors the complex to the nuclear envelope, a cytoplasmic and a nuclear ring, a nuclear basket, and eight cytoplasmic filaments. The FG-containing nucleoporins line the channel with their disordered FG-containing domains extending into the opening and forming a hydrophobic meshwork.



## The Nuclear Envelope

(a) Schematic drawing showing the double membrane, nuclear pore complex, nuclear lamina, and the continuity of the outer membrane with the rough endoplasmic reticulum (ER).

Both membranes of the nuclear envelope contain their own distinct complement of proteins.

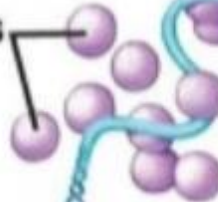
DNA double helix  
(2-nm diameter)



"Beads on a string"

Linker

Histones



Nucleosome  
(10-nm diameter)

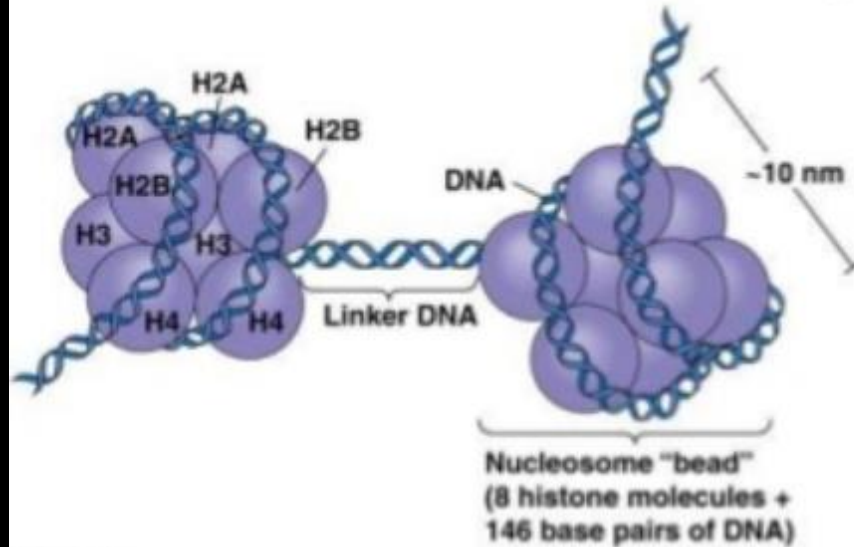
Tight helical fiber  
(30-nm diameter)

Supercoil  
(300-nm diameter)

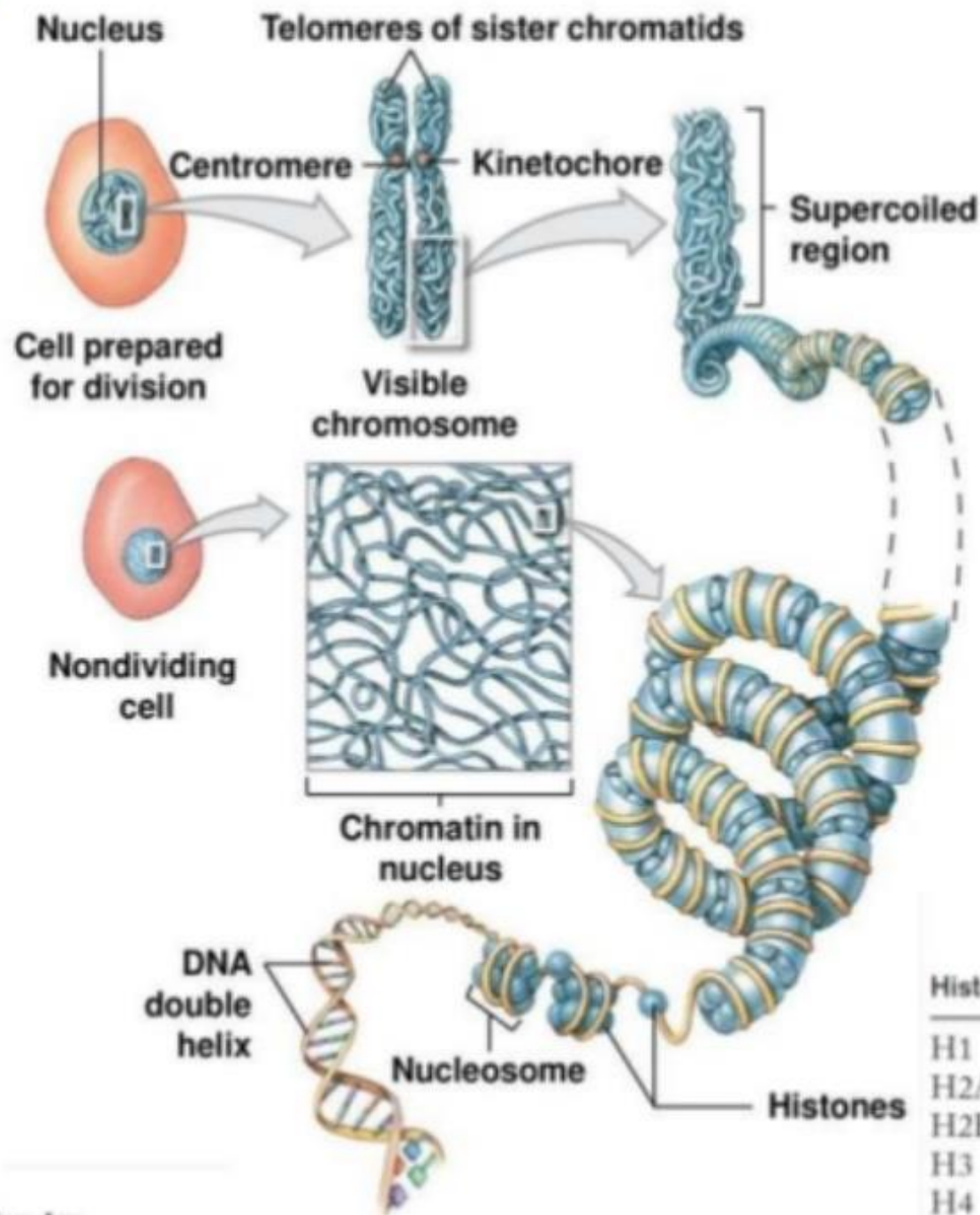
chromosome



700 nm



Organisation of Genetic material



DNA exists in Chromatin form in the nucleus. The chromatin condenses to form Chromosomes during cell division.

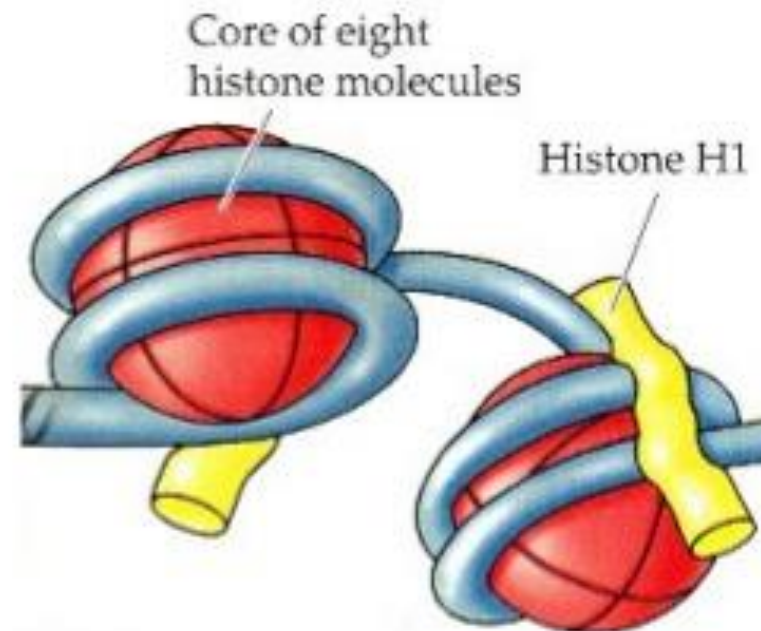
## Five classes of histones.

Histone	Number of residues	Mass (kDa)	%Arg	%Lys
H1	215	23.0	1	29
H2A	129	14.0	9	11
H2B	125	13.8	6	16
H3	135	15.3	13	10
H4	102	11.3	14	11

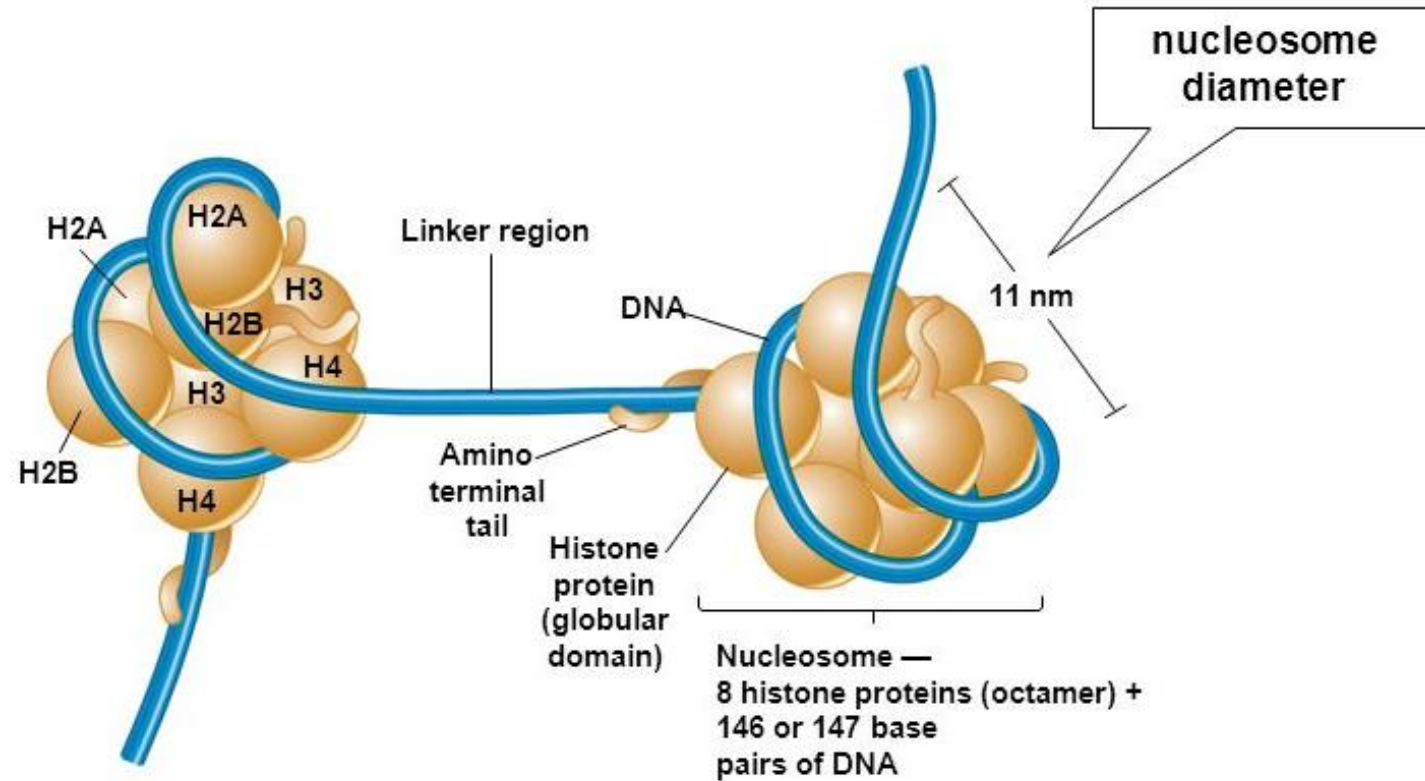


# First level of packing: Nucleosome

- Nucleosome = DNA + core histones
- DNA wrapped twice around an octamer of core histones consisting of:
  - 2 of each core histone: H2A, H2B, H3, H4
  - Note: H1 is not part of the nucleosome, but is attached to the DNA near the nucleosome
- 10 nm in diameter



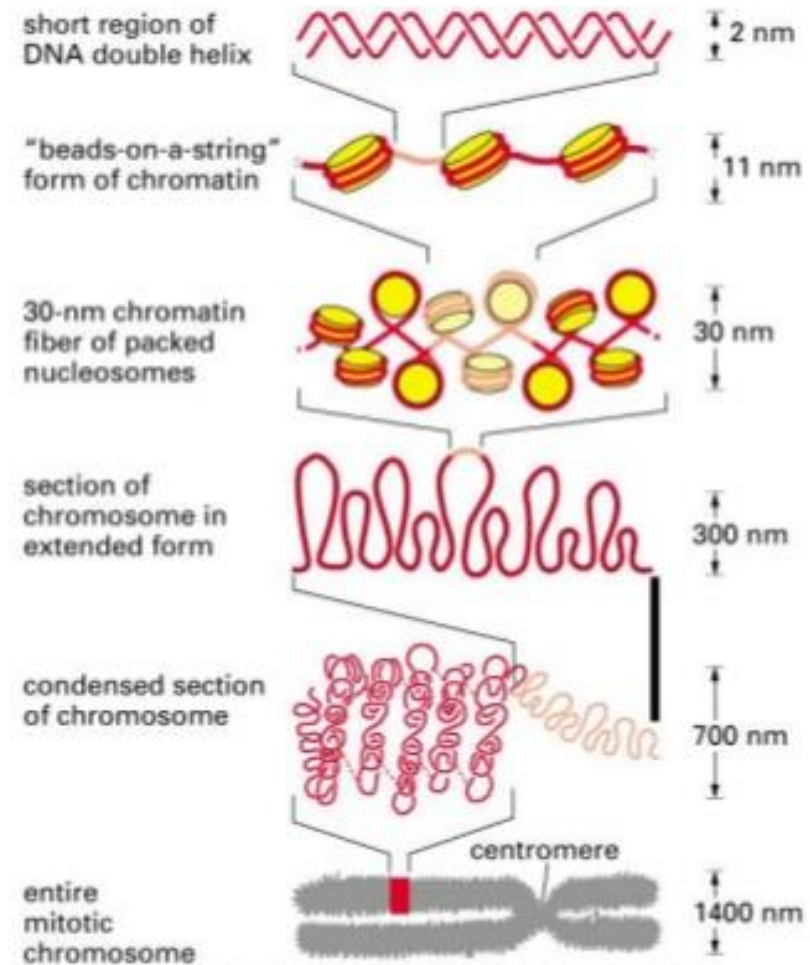
## Nucleosomes shorten DNA ~seven-fold



(a) Nucleosomes showing core histone proteins

# DNA Packaging in Eukaryotes

Model of packing of  
chromatin and the  
chromosome scaffold  
in metaphase  
chromosome



NET RESULT: EACH DNA MOLECULE HAS BEEN  
PACKAGED INTO A MITOTIC CHROMOSOME THAT  
IS 10,000-FOLD SHORTER THAN ITS EXTENDED LENGTH

Figure 4-55. Molecular Biology of the Cell, 4th Edition.

# DNA Packaging in Eukaryotes

## Hierarchy of Chromatin Organization in the Cell Nucleus: Nuclear Matrix Associated Chromatin Loops

