



Mendel Documents patterns of heredity in pea plants

Sutton and Boveri Propose chromosome theory of heredity

Muller Shows that X-rays induce mutations

Hämmerling Shows that hereditary information is contained in the nuclei of eukaryotic cells

Beadle and Tatum Describe the "one gene-one enzyme" hypothesis

Chargaff Discovers that A = T and C = G (Chargaff's rules)

Watson and Crick Propose the double helix structure of DNA

Genome sequencing projects begin

1865

1869

1902

1915

1927

1928

1930

1931

1941

1944

1950

1952

1953

1961

1990s

Miescher First identifies DNA ("nuclein")

Morgan and his "Fly Room" colleagues Confirm the chromosome theory of heredity

Griffith "Transformation experiments" transform non-pathogenic bacteria strains to pathogenic

McClintock Demonstrates genetic recombination in corn

Avery, McLeod, and McCarty Show that DNA is the "transforming principle" responsible for heredity

Hershey and Chase Use radioactive labeling to prove that DNA is responsible for heredity

Jacob and Monod Propose the existence of mRNA

