CHAPTERS 16 & 17: PROKARYOTES, FUNGI, AND PLANTS

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PROKARYOTES

- Lived alone on Earth for over I billion years
- Most numerous and widespread organisms (total biomass of prokaryotes is ten times that of eukaryotes)
- Live in cold, hot, salty, acidic, and alkaline habitats
- Some are pathogenic (most are benign or beneficial)
- Two domains: Bacteria and Archaea
 - Archaea and Eukarya evolved from a common ancestor

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PROKARYOTES

- Cell walls maintain shape, provide protection, and prevent lysis in a hypotonic environment
- Cell wall differences can be distinguished by gram stain
 - Gram-positive have simple walls with a thick layer of peptidoglycan
 - Gram-negative have complex cell walls with less peptidoglycan and an outer membrane of lipids bonded to carbohydrates







PROTISTS

- Euglenozoans have a crystalline rod of unknown function inside flagella (include heterotrophs, autotrophs, and pathogenic parasites)
- Dinoflagellates marine and freshwater phytoplankton
- Ciliates use cilia to move and feed
- Stramenopiles named for "hairy" flagellum (usually paired with a "smooth" flagellum (ex. water molds, diatoms, and brown algae)



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PROTISTS

- Amoebas move and feed by pseudopodia



- Slime molds
 - Plasmodium amoebozoan that forms a plasmodium (multinucleate mass of cytoplasm)
 - Cellular when food is scarce form a sluglike aggregate



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ALGAE LIFE CYCLES

• Alteration of generations (hapliod gametophyte and diploid sporophyte)



PLANTS AND FUNGI

- Mycorrhizae mutually beneficial associations of plant roots and fungi hyphae
 - Fungi enabled plants to colonize land by helping them absorb water and other minerals and plants provided sugars to the fungi





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MOSSES

- Nonvascular plant
- Dominant gametophyte
- Produces eggs and sperm in gametangia
- Zygote develops within the gametangium into a mature sporophyte which remains attached to the gametophyte
- Meiosis occurs within the sporangia and haploid spores are released to develop into sporophytes



FERNS

- Seedless vascular plants
- Like most plants have a dominant sporophyte and a small, inconspicuous gametophyte
- Sporangia develop on the underside of leaves of the sporophyte
- Formed most of the coal that exists today



CONIFEROUS TREES

- Pine cone holds all of the tree's reproductive stages: spores, eggs, sperm, zygotes, and embryos
 - Male gametophyte is the pollen grain
 - Female gametophyte carry ovules in the scales of the cone



Fig. 17.7

ANGIOSPERMS

- Flowers contain male and female gametophytes
 - Stamen include the anther where pollen is released
 - Carpel female reproductive structure that includes the ovary
 - Ovules develop into seeds and the ovary matures into fruit



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