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**Amoeba Sisters: Annotated Video Script Template**

***Meiosis***

Rewatch the Amoeba Sisters Meiosis Youtube video and answer the questions below.

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**Video Script (*informal*)**

Note: The informal script below may have some slight improvements

from the direct transcript on YouTube. Improvements are made to

help define sentences and to remove excessive filler words that can occur when speaking. By making these improvements, this script is

easier to annotate. However, the transcript on YouTube can be viewed in real time by clicking "CC" on the video for captioning.

1. Write 3 things you already knew about Meiosis
2. Write 3 things you learned about Meiosis
3. Highlight 10 scientific vocabulary words. You will find the highlight tool under the home screen. The icon looks like the little highlighter pen pictured below.

1. Choose 3 of the 10 vocabulary words that you highlighted that were new words to you and define them.

Scroll down to page 2 and begin typing your answers!

"Have you ever wondered how two siblings can have the

same mom and dad and still look so different? Well, today

we're going to talk about a process that makes that possible! We are going to talk about a process called

meiosis! This is not to be confused with mitosis, which sounds unfortunately similar.

Mitosis makes identical body cells like your skin cells and

stomach cells. Recall from our mitosis clip that since it

makes identical body cells, mitosis is important for growth,

repair of damage, and to replace worn-out cells. But not meiosis. Meiosis is a process that contributes to genetic

variety. Meiosis also doesn't make body cells. Meiosis

makes sperm and egg cells, otherwise known as gametes, the fancier word.

You might recall that humans have 46 chromosomes.

That's how many chromosomes most body cells in your

body have. But there are some human cells that don't have

46 chromosomes! Human sperm cells and egg cells have 23 chromosomes. Why the number difference? Well if a

sperm cell has 23 chromosomes and an egg cell has 23 chromosomes, this makes 46 chromosomes when they come together. This will allow a newly formed fertilized

egg to develop into a human! Meiosis is what

we call a reduction division, because you have a starting cell that has 46 chromosomes and your ending cells (the sperm and egg cells) have only 23 chromosomes.

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**Questions and Sketches**

We learn from connecting what we already know to new concepts. Asking questions and defining new vocabulary help us to expand our knowledge of a concept. Follow the guidelines below to make these connections with meiosis.

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Type your answers below:

Before we can get into the stages of meiosis to make gametes, we have to remember what happens before

meiosis can even start. Actually, this also happens before

mitosis. It's the stage known as interphase. If you

remember interphase, it's when the cell is growing, it's replicating its DNA, and it's carrying out cell processes.

Interphase happens once before division starts, just like in mitosis.

Therefore, before meiosis is even going to start, the

starting [human] cell has 46 chromosomes, and you have

to duplicate those chromosomes in interphase before

meiosis starts. This means you are duplicating your DNA, since chromosomes are made of DNA and protein. Ready for the tricky part? Since we tend to count chromosomes

by the number of centromeres present, after the 46 chromosomes duplicate, we will still say there are 46

chromosomes. This is because the sister chromatids are

still attached, and we are counting by centromeres. So 46 chromosomes here, they replicate in interphase, and you still have 46 chromosomes in this picture. However, you

went from 46 to 92 chromatids. Little tricky there!

Okay, so now the interphase checklist is done! We can

move into meiosis! You might remember the mitosis

stages PMAT with the P representing prophase, the M representing metaphase, the A representing anaphase,

and the T representing telophase. The good news is that in

meiosis, you still use those terms. However,

since meiosis is a reduction division, you're going from 46 chromosomes to 23. This means you actually divide twice.

You do all the PMAT stages twice. Therefore, you put

numbers after the phases to indicate whether you're in the first division or the second division.

So let's dive right in! Starting with the very first step,

prophase I. One thing I like to remember about prophase

is pro can mean 'before' and so this can help you

remember that it comes before all the other stages start.

This is where the chromosomes are going to condense and

thicken. The chromosomes are going to line up with their homologous pairs.

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Type your answers below:

The word homologous means that the chromosomes are approximately the same size, and they contain the same

types of genes in the same locations. They're going to match up. It is during this prophase I that this amazing

process occurs called crossing over! Crossing over is when the chromosomes, lined up in homologous pairs, have this

way that they can transfer their genetic information and

exchange it between each other! It's kind of like these

chromosomes flop over each other and do a little genetic

information exchange here! It makes for what we call

recombinant chromosomes which can eventually

contribute to the variety that we were mentioning at the beginning.

Now we move into metaphase I. In metaphase I, think of

the M standing for middle. The chromosomes are now

going to be in the middle of the cell. It's a little bit different

though from mitosis, because these chromosomes are

going to be in pairs in the middle of the cell so it's

not a single-file line. The chromosomes are in pairs in the middle.

Now during anaphase, I like to think of "a" for away,

because the chromosomes are going to be pulled away by the spindle fibers.

Then we end with telophase I where you have two newly

formed nuclei and it becomes obvious that you're going to

end meiosis one with two new cells. Cytokinesis follows

with splitting the cytoplasm, but we're

not done yet!

Continuing into meiosis II! The very first step in meiosis II is prophase II. It's not going to be nearly as eventful as it was

in prophase I though, because there are not homologous

pairs of chromosomes. There is no crossing over. That

doesn't happen again. In prophase II, you have the

chromosomes and the spindles starting to form like they

did in prophase I. However, prophase II is just not as

eventful with it not having that process of crossing over.

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In metaphase II, I think M for middle again. The

chromosomes are going to line up in the middle. This time

though, they are in a single-file line. They are not in pairs

like they were in metaphase 1!

Next is anaphase II. I remember the "a" for away, but this time it's the chromatids that are going to be pulled away by the spindle fibers.

In telophase II, you can see the nuclei reforming. You can

also see that the two cells have divided. There are going to be four cells forming. Cytokinesis will follow to completely split the cytoplasm.

Now keep in mind that meiosis in males produces sperm

cells. In females, meiosis produces egg cells. Due to

independent assortment and crossing over, you're going to

have variety. For example, [in males] the four sperm cells

that are produced each time are all different from each

other, and they're also different from the starting cell. The starting cell had 46 chromosomes and the ending cells only

have 23 so they are not identical to the original and they

are not identical to each other. This is going to lead to variety, which is one reason why two siblings with the

same parents can look different from each other! They still developed from a unique egg and a unique sperm cell that

came together!

One last thing to think about. Sometimes the

chromosomes don't separate correctly. This is called

nondisjunction, and it can result in the cell receiving too

many or too few chromosomes in the separation. This

contributes to some genetic disorders which is something scientists continue to study. Well, that's it for the Amoeba

Sisters, and we remind you to stay curious!"

**Check your work!**

**Did you:**

• Mark information that you already know? Y / N

• Mark key information that is new? Y / N

• Did you write down your questions on the right margin? Y / N

• Underline vocabulary terms? Y / N

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