

Bioenergetics – Staying Alive

Teaching of Cell Respiration and Photosynthesis does not have to be difficult

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Difficulty with Teaching Bioenergetics.

It is Abstract **It is Highly Detailed** It is Hard to Understand **It is Boring Material** It's not relevant



Research Based Educational Practices to help students learn Bioenergetics

A. It is relevant

- **A.** Begin with examples of relevance
- **B.** Teach overarching principles
 - **Understand concepts then provide labels**
- **C.** Give Broad Overviews of the topic
- **D.** Use visualizations, metaphors or analogies to highlight difficult abstract concepts.
- E. Metacognitive Exercises & Modeling



Background Context

- Simple Chemistry (Bio)
- Principles of Cell
- Cell Structure
- Organelle Functions
- Osmosis / Diffusion / Active Transport

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Relevance of Bioenergetics

- Diets
- Athletes
- Medical Issues
- Food production
- Gardening

Physiology of Learning

Eric R. Kandel M.D., Noble Prize Physiology of Medicine

- Nerve growth requires the expression of Genes.
 - -Modulated by attention
 - Must be of interest to you/Value/Meaningful
 - -Genes are activated

-Video of Eric Kandel and Modulatory Learning HHMI



Physiological Development of Learning

Requires the growth of synapses

- Multiple stimulus causes dopamine recruitment
- Dopamine release Stimulates Genes for Synaptic Growth
- -LTM has multiple synapse development







Video to Engage Students

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Overarching Principle: Problems with Energy Transfers in a Living Organism

- 1. How do we activate the energy compounds without producing a thermodynamically unstable molecule
- 2. How do we regulate the reactions without releasing the energy at a rate that makes the reaction thermodynamically unstable
- 3. When energy is released, how is it moved or stored so that the loss of energy is lessened.

Overarching Principle: Cells have a Solutions to the Problems

- Solved by 3 Principles and 3 compounds
 - Metastable Compounds & Enzymes
 - Small Energy steps & Enzymes
 - Coupled Reactions & Energy Carrying Molecules
- Having a Theme or Focus doesn't hurt
 Staying Alive!



Principle 1

- How do we activate the energy compounds without producing a thermodynamically unstable molecule
- Partially activate a compound to a level that requires only the presence of enzymes for reactions (Metastability)
 - e.g., H₂O₂
 - Kinetically Stable
 - Thermodynamically Unstable
 - $H_2O_{+ 1/2}O_2 ----> H_2O_2$







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Question

• Where in the next two slides do you see the process developing metastability?



Glycolysis



Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate



Principle 2

How do we regulate the reactions without releasing the energy at a rate that makes the reaction thermodynamically unstable

- The rate of the chemical reaction must be controlled.
- Use small steps where energy is released in small steps.









Identify Principle 2

• Where in the next slides do you see the principle being enacted?









For each Pyruvate the following are generated: 3 CO₂'s 1 ATP 4 NADH + H 1 FADH₂

METABOLIC PATHWAYS:

- Sequence of reactions controlled by enzymes.
- TYPES:
 - Catabolic-breakdown of large molecules release of energy.
 - Anabolic-building of large molecules and the storage of energy.

Principle 3

When energy is released, how is it moved or stored so that the loss of energy is lessened.

- Energy transforming reactions are coupled in biological systems
 - Catabolic versus Anabolic
 - Oxidation versus Reduction
 - Exergonic versus Endergonic
 - Phosphorylating versus Dephosphorylating
- Energy Molecule to pick up and transfer energy bonds
 - ATP and Coenzymes

gy is lessened. Cal

As reaction c+d goes to A + B, energy is dropped off by the ATP as it becomes ADP + P

Identify the coupled reactions in the next two slides?

Cleavage Preparation

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Mitochondrion

3 Problems Solved by 3 Principles and 3 compounds

- 1. Partial Activation & Metastable Compounds
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Make Analogies

Chemiosmotic Phosphorylation

ATP Synthase

Electron Transport Coupled Reactions

AT HEAL MARKED

Coupled Reactions: Watch as Electrons move throughthe ETG of the mitochondria the proteins move protons from the matrix into the resevoir of the Crista.

NADH arrives at the Crista of the Mitochondria. Watch as the red electrons are dropped off at the Crista and the NAD (minus the electrons) leaves the area.

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Cleavage Preparation

Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate

ATP Generation Oxidation **Substrate-level Phosphorylation** & **Anaerobic Respiration**

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proteins move protons from the matrix into the resevoir of the Crista.

Model – Tell a Story

What is Next? Where are we going both in structure and in process? Why? How will your students know? What should they now know?

PHOTOSYNTHETIC PROCESS

- Photosynthesis takes place in a two step reaction.
- The two reactions perform different energy conversions.
- TWO PROCESSES
 - Light Reaction
 - Dark Reaction

Chloroplast Structure

Thylakoid

Thylakoid Structure

Have the Models Tell Stories

- Beginning-
 - 1. Catch the reader's attention
- 2. Make the opening dramatic
- 3. Make the reader want to read on
- 4. Take the reader straight into the story
- Middle
- 5. Keep the action going, develop the characters and story line.
- End-
- 6. Draws all the threads of the story together
- 7. Resolves any conflict within the story
- 8. Completes the telling of events

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