

Continuity and Diversity Free Response

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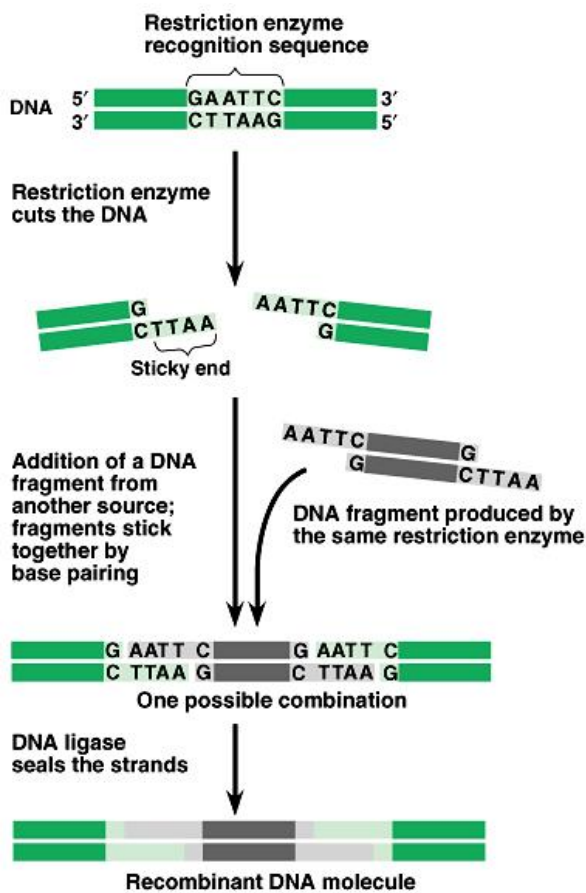
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The human genome illustrates both continuity and change.

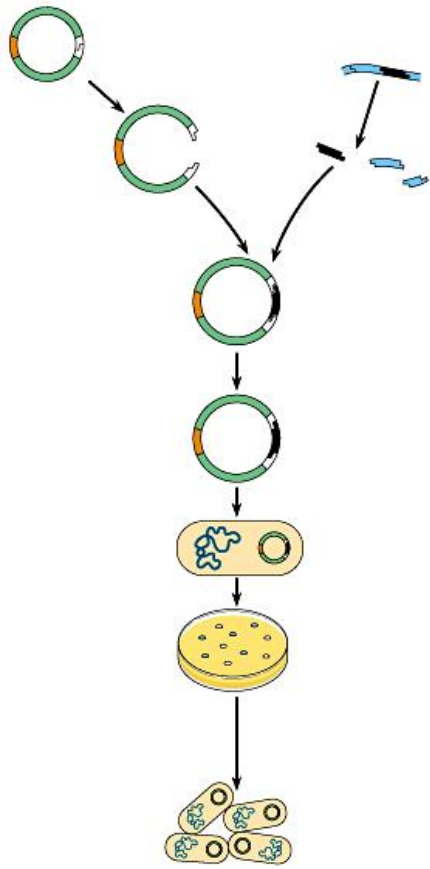
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Describe the essential features of two of the procedures/techniques below. For each of the procedures/ techniques you describe, explain how its application contributes to understanding genetics.

- The use of a bacterial plasmid to clone and sequence a human gene

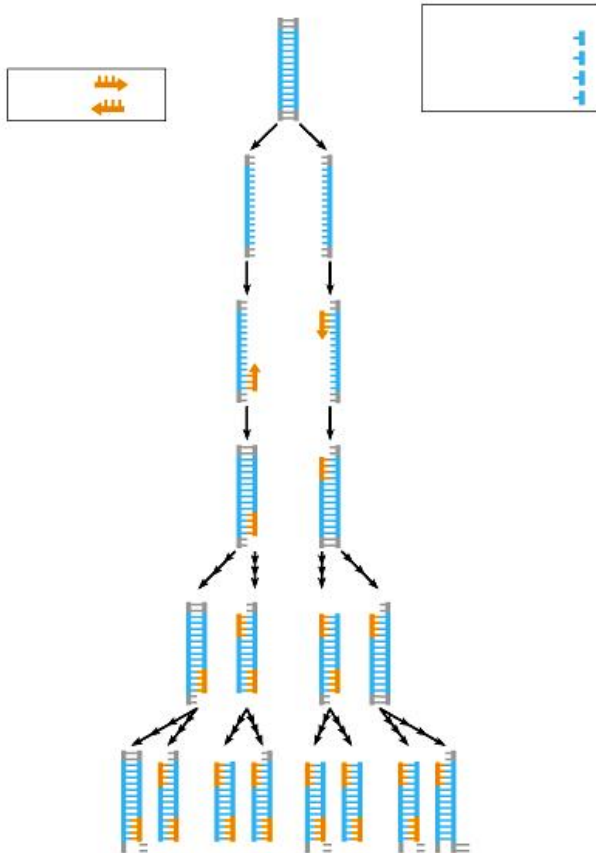


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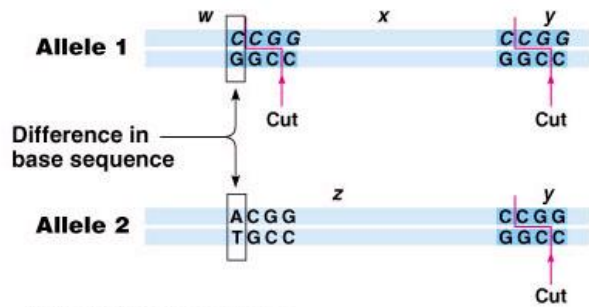
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- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

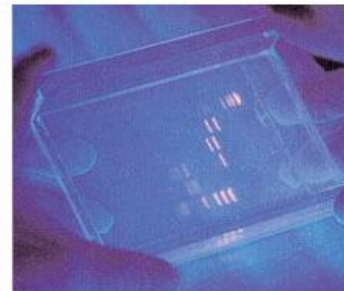


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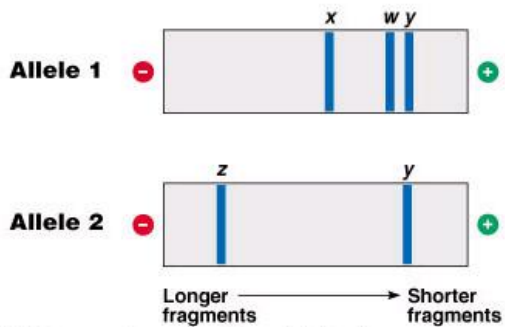
- a Restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) analysis



(a) DNA from two alleles



(c) Completed gel



(b) Electrophoresis of restriction fragments

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(b)

All humans are nearly identical genetically in coding sequences and have many proteins that are identical in structure and function. Nevertheless, each human has a unique DNA fingerprint. Explain this apparent contradiction.