

Cell Theory

Schleiden and Schwann

“Omnis cellula-e-cellula”

Rudolf Virchow

Coined the term 'cell'

Robert Hooke

First person to see  
live cells under  
microscope

Anton Van  
Leeuwenhoek

Smallest cell

Mycoplasma (0.3 $\mu$ m)

Mesosome

Infolding of plasma  
membrane in prokaryotes-  
vesicles, tubules or  
lamellae  
Help in DNA replication  
and cell wall formation

**Cell envelope**

In prokaryotic cells

Made up of glycocalyx (slime or capsule), cell wall and plasma membrane

**Plasmid**

Extra chromosomal, circular DNA in prokaryotic cells

**Pili and Fimbriae**

Help bacteria in attachment

Prokaryotic  
ribosomes

70S (50S and 30S)

Polysome- several  
ribosomes attached to  
mRNA for protein  
synthesis

Bacterial Cell wall

G +ve bacteria- Thick  
peptidoglycan and teichoic  
acid

G -ve bacteria- Thin  
peptidoglycan and  
lipopolysaccharides

Peptidoglycan

Polymer of Cross linked  
monomers- N-  
acetylglucosamine (NAG)  
and N-acetylmuramic acid  
(NAM) attached to peptide

Fluid mosaic model

Singer and Nicolson

Endoplasmic reticulum

Rough ER- Protein synthesis

Smooth ER- Lipid synthesis

Golgi Complex

Synthesis of glycoproteins and glycolipids

Tonoplast

A single membrane surrounding vacuoles

Plastids

Double membrane bound and contain extra chromosomal DNA, 70S ribosomes

Mitochondria

Double membrane bound and contain extra chromosomal circular DNA, 70S ribosomes. Site for aerobic respiration.

Leucoplasts

Amyloplast- store  
carbohydrate  
Elaioplast- store oil and  
fat  
Aleuroplast- store  
proteins

Observed  
ribosomes for the  
first time

George Palade

Eukaryotic ribosome

80S (60S and 40S)

Robert Brown

First described  
nucleus

Nucleolus

Site for ribosomal  
RNA synthesis

Chromatin is visible  
at

Interphase nucleus



Lysosomes

Contain hydrolytic enzymes

Glyoxysomes

Present in plants and some fungi

Degradation of fats in seeds

Glyoxalate cycle

Peroxisomes

Oxidation of long chain fatty acids

Biosynthesis of plasmalogens

Contains oxidative enzymes; uric acid oxidase, catalase, etc.