

**GENERAL BIOLOGY Lecture 5 - Cell structure & function**

**I. The cell**

- A. Cells are fundamental organizational units of all living things
- B. Types of cells
  - 1. Prokaryotic
  - 2. Eukaryotic
    - a) Plant
    - b) Animal

**II. Protoplasm**

- A. Protoplasm within membrane / cell contents without the cell wall

**III. Organelles**

- A. Cell wall
  - 1. Plants
  - 2. Support, structure, & protection
- B. Nucleus
  - 1. Genetic information - DNA
  - 2. Cell regulation - "the brains"
- C. Chloroplasts
  - 1. Plants
  - 2. Photosynthesis
    - a) Thylakoids - light capture
    - b) Stroma - conversion to sugar
  - 3. Contain some DNA
- D. Mitochondria
  - 1. Energy from sugars
  - 2. Contain some DNA
- E. Cytomembrane system
  - 1. Packaging & transport
    - a) Golgi apparatus (dictyosomes)
    - b) Endoplasmic reticulum
    - c) Ribosomes
- F. Microbodies
  - 1. peroxisomes - photorespiration
  - 2. glyoxisomes - conversion of fats into sugars
- G. Microtubules - movement & wall synthesis
- H. Ergastic materials
  - 1. Starch grains - storage
- I. Vacuoles
  - 1. Storage
  - 2. Waste
  - 3. Water regulation