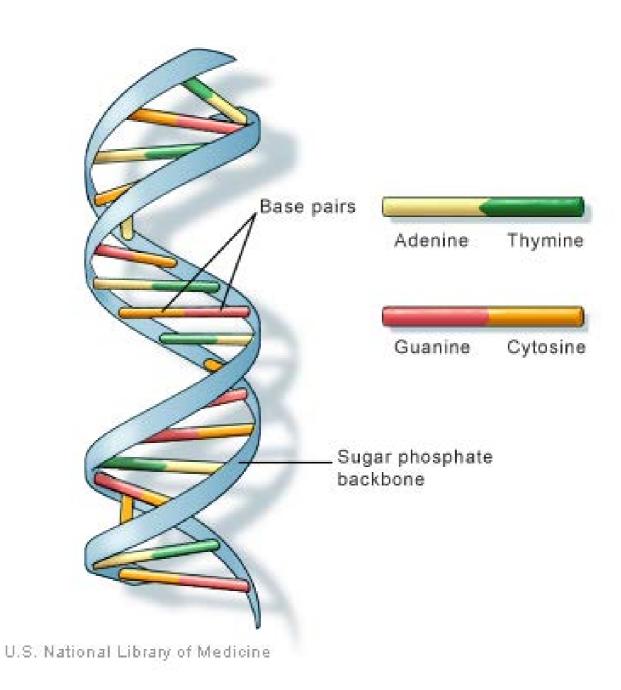
What is DNA?

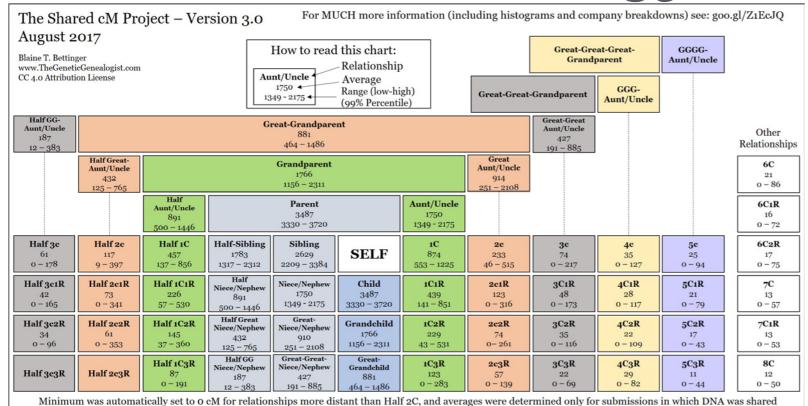
- <u>D</u>eoxyribo<u>n</u>ucleic <u>A</u>cid
- A molecule composed of two chains that wrap around each other consisting of sugars, phosphates, and nucleotide bases (adenine, guanine, thyamine, and cytosine)
- Acts as the store of genetic and hereditary information within a cell ("blueprint of a person")
- All cells in the body contain DNA except red blood cells (they have no nucleus)
- Half of a person's DNA is inherited from their mother (egg) and half from their father (sperm)
- No two people have the exact same DNA except for identical twins



Genetic Genealogy

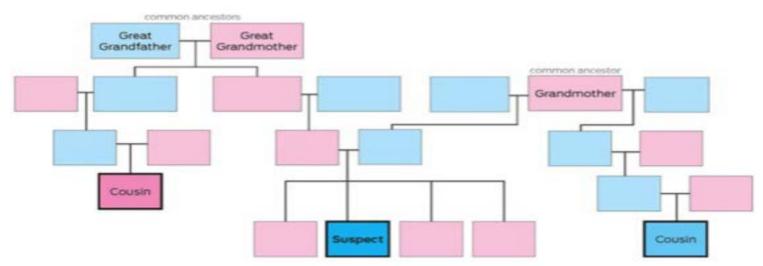
- Is the use of DNA testing in combo with traditional genealogical methods and historical records
- Individuals use companies such 23 & Me, Ancestry, My Heritage, and Family Tree to find out about their ancestry, build their family tree, find adopted family members, etc., and can upload their DNA file to GEDmatch and/or Family Tree DNA (public databases for genetic genealogy info)
- <u>Some</u> public databases can also be accessed by law enforcement agencies to search DNA profiles developed from crime scene evidence
- If a familial association is reported from the databases, professional genealogists conduct extensive research on the familial relationship to the possible suspect
 - Degree of relatedness reported from the databases as centimorgans (cM)
 - Building family trees using public records (such as birth/death certificates, marriage licenses, social media, etc.)
 - o additional DNA testing of these individual's DNA is completed to be compared to the crime scene evidence

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C = cousin R = removed

Suspect family tree based on genetic genealogy



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