

**DNA Sequence**    <sup>①</sup> ➔    **mRNA Sequence**    <sup>②</sup> ➔    **Amino Acid**

TAC

ACG

CCA

CGG

CAT

ACA

GGT

CTG

CTC

AGC

TGA

ATG

TTA

GTC

TTT

GTG

TCT

GAG

TAA

AAA

ACC

ATC

## Modeling Protein Synthesis

ONE submission per group. Working in a group of 4, you will use the genetic code to model the making of a protein.  
! means there is something you'll submit.

**PART 1: The genetic code.** Here is the [DNA sequence](#). Here is a [genetic code table](#).

- ! What is step 1 on the diagram? Where does this occur in cells? What enzyme performs this reaction?
- ! What is step 2 on the diagram? Where does this occur in cells?
- ! Upload a picture of your completed page.

**PART 2: Amino Acids** Here are the [amino acids](#). Here are the [amino acid properties](#).

- ! What is common amongst all amino acids?
- Color the "R" groups of each amino acid based on the property it displays. **Yellow** = non-polar, hydrophobic. **Blue** = polar, hydrophilic. **Green** = + charge, hydrophilic. **Purple** = - charge, hydrophilic.

**PART 3: Primary Protein Structure**

- Place the amino acids in the sequence determined by the DNA code. Staple together or tape the amino acids in order.
- Draw the peptide bonds and water that form between amino acids as they bond together.
- ! What type of reaction binds amino acids together? Where does this reaction occur?
- ! What is the primary structure of a protein?
- ! Upload a picture of your completed polypeptide.

**PART 4: Secondary Protein Structure** (we will not model)

- ! What are the two structure that form as the protein takes a secondary shape?
- ! What type of bond holds together the secondary structure?

**Part 5: Tertiary Protein Structure**

- The cystines will form a covalent bond. Staple them together.
- The nonpolar, hydrophobic amino acids will want to clump together out of the way of water surrounding the protein. Arrange your amino acids so these amino acids are clumped together.
- The + and - amino acids will be attracted to each other. Tape them together.
- The polar, hydrophilic amino acids surround the outside of the protein, near the surrounding water.
- ! Upload a picture of your completed protein.
- ! What effect might high temperatures or changes to pH have on the structure and function of this fictional protein?
- ! What effect might a change in the DNA (mutation) have on the structure and function of this fictional protein?

## Part 6: Quaternary Protein Structure

8. Combine your polypeptide with that of another group.