GO TO LINK #1

- 1. What is a substitution? Show an example of a DNA sequence with a substitution?
- 2. What is an insertion? Show an example of a DNA sequence with an insertion.
- 3. What is a deletion? Show an example of a DNA sequence with a deletion.
- 4. What is a frameshift? Show an example.
- 5. What are 2 causes of mutations?
- 6. Explain the effects of mutations.

Read the case study about sickle cell anemia.

- 7. What kind of a mutation causes Sickle Cell? (substitution, insertion, deletion, or frameshift)
- 8. How is the protein changed by this mutation?
- 9. How does this affect the red blood cells?
- 10. What are the negative effects on the organism? Positive effects?

Go to LINK #2

1) Click on the icon "Show DNA".
2) Then click the icon "Transcribe".
3) After a few moments, select "Translate" and then "Show Protein".
Write the 11 amino acid sequence that makes up the protein below: this is your original sequence!
4) Press the "reset" button. On the DNA strand, select any nitrogen base. This will bring up a menu of
different types of mutations. First select "Substitution Mutation" and repeat steps 2 and 3.
Write the new 11 amino acid sequence of the new protein on the line below.
5) Press the "reset" button. Select a different nitrogen base on the DNA strand then select the "Insertion Mutation" and repeat steps 2 and 3.
Write the new 11 amino acid sequence of the new protein below.
6) Finally, repeat step 5 but select "Deletion Mutation".
Write the new 11 amino acid sequence of the new protein below:
7) How similar/different were each protein compared to the original protein?