

Ch.14 Mendel and the Gene Idea

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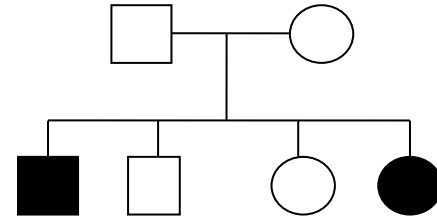
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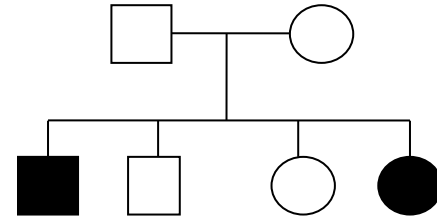
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Ch. 15 The Chromosomal Basis of Inheritance

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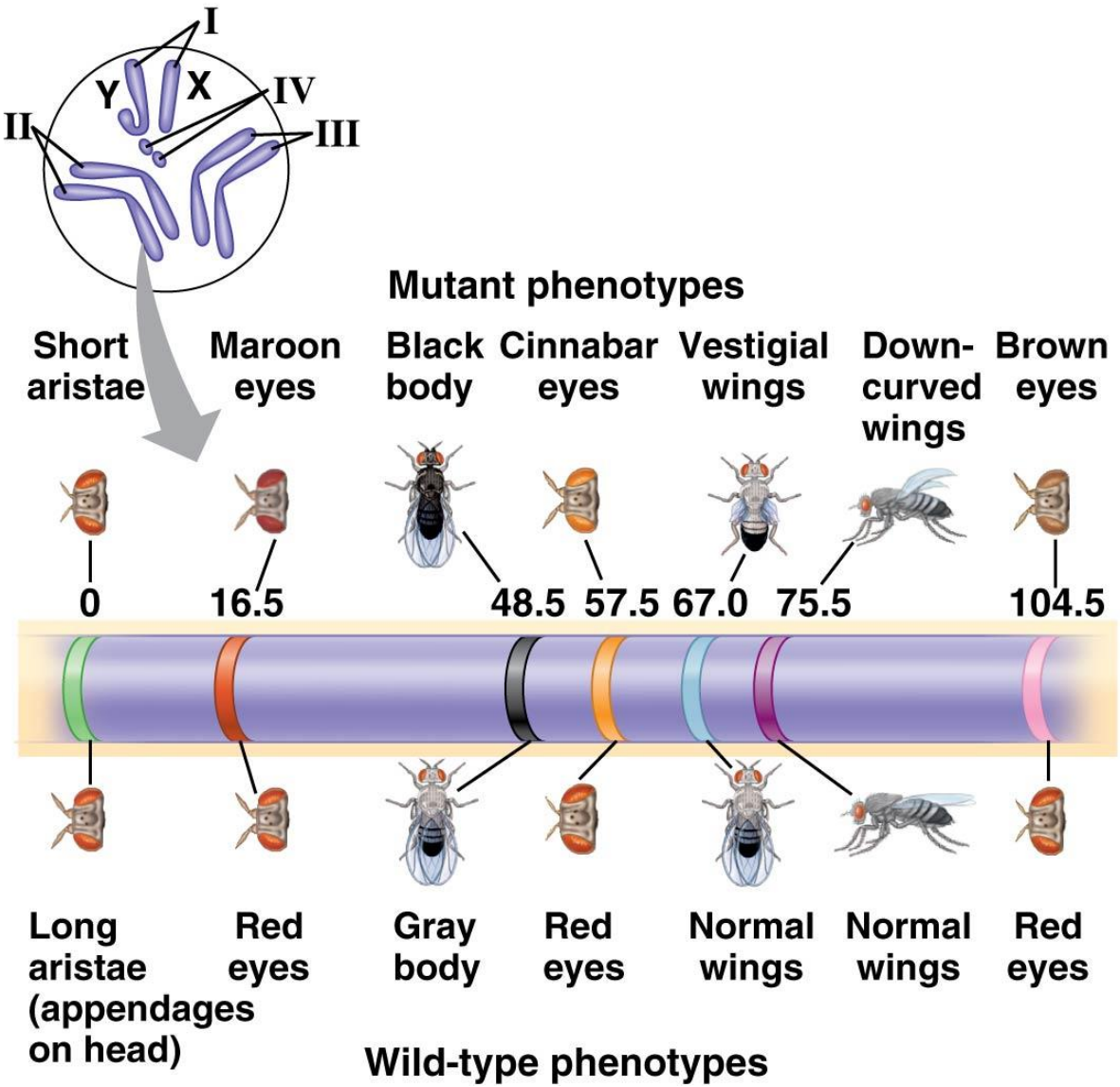
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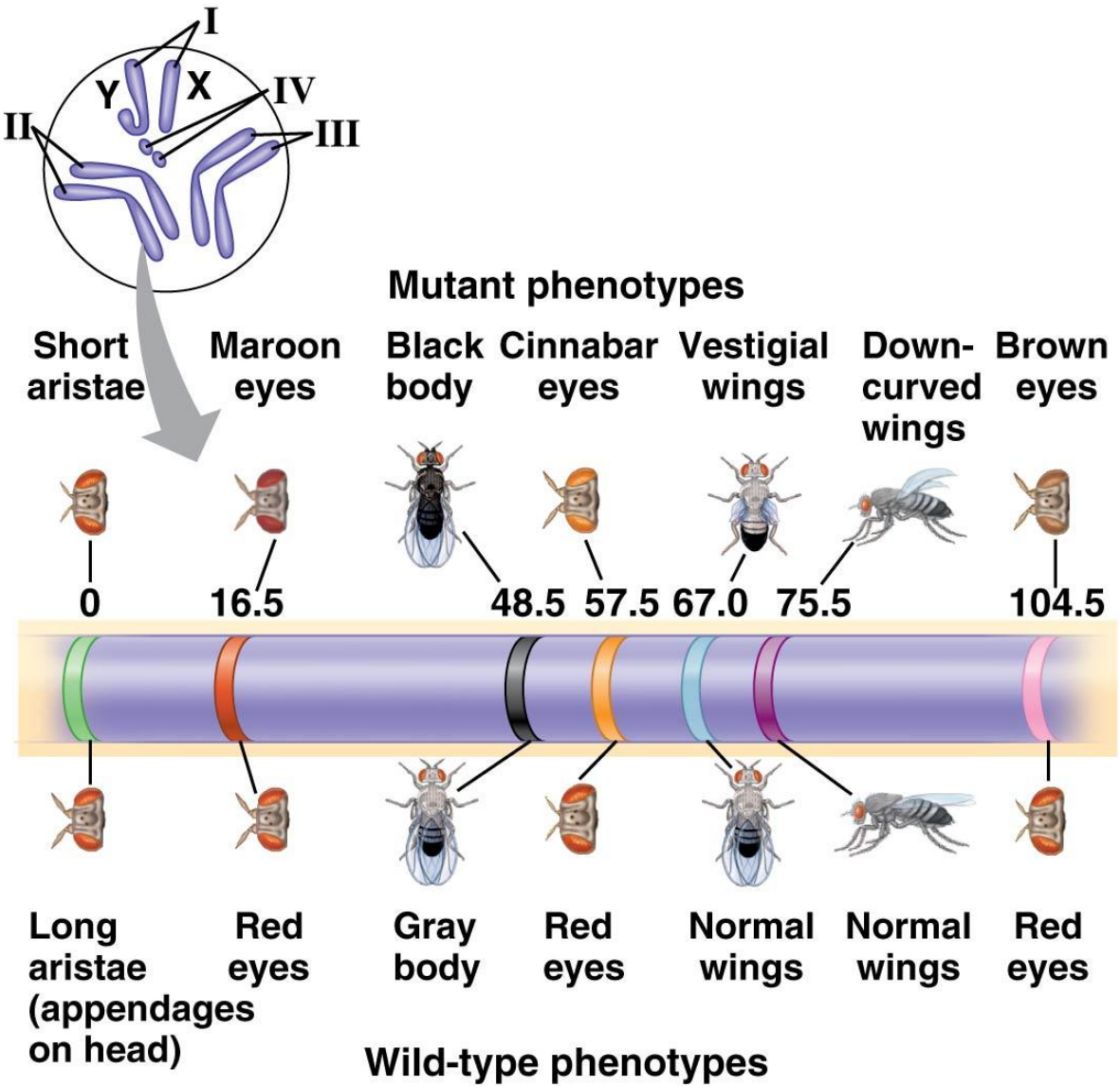
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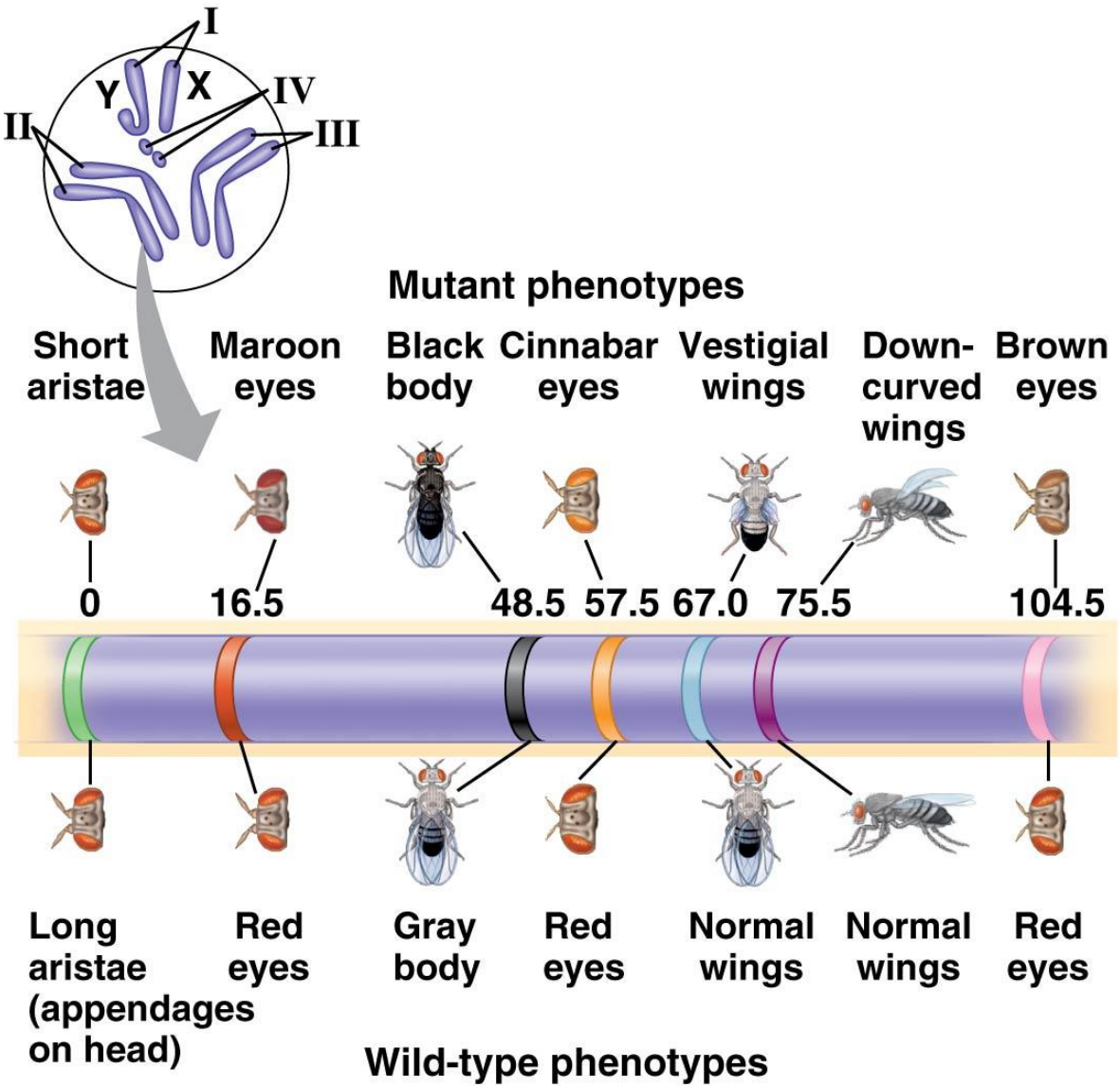
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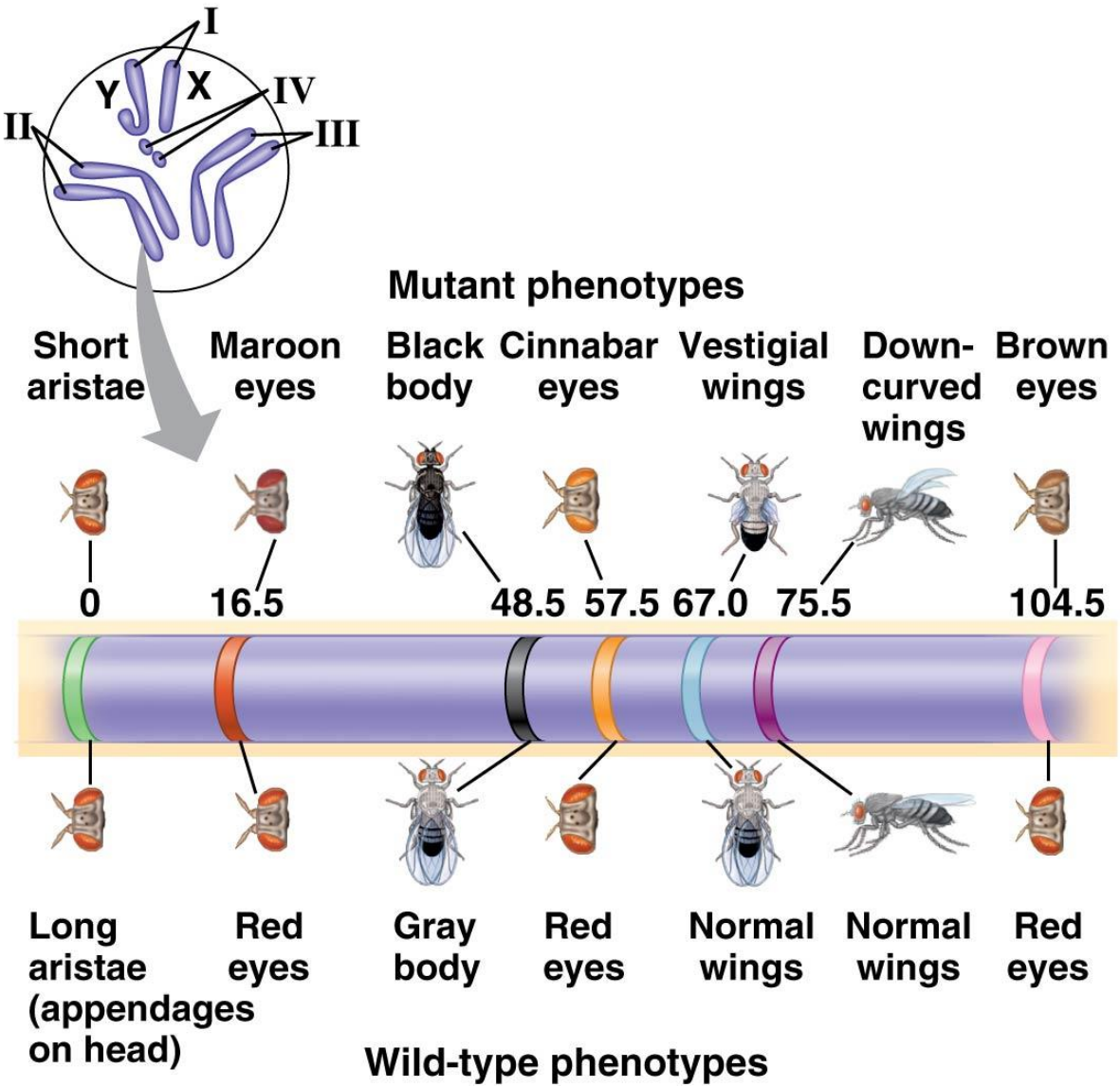
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Wild-type phenotypes

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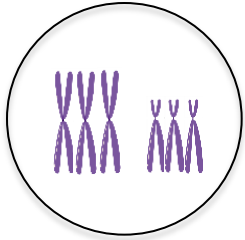
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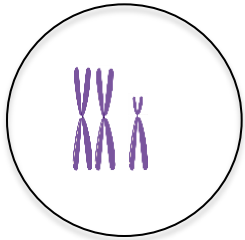
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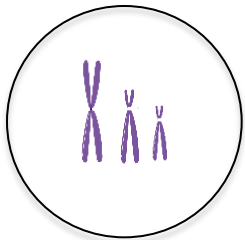
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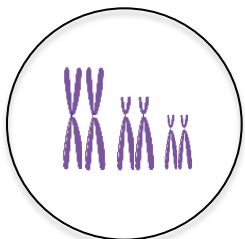
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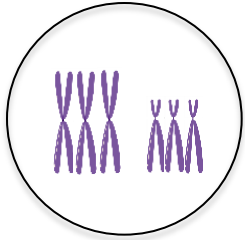


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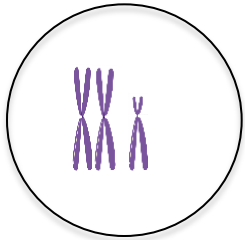


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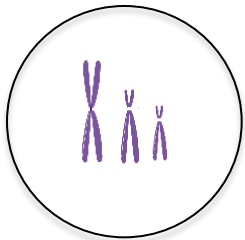
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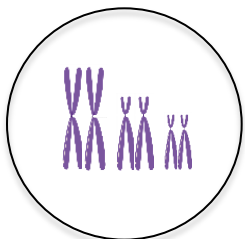
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