

A Note to Students and Parents

It was during college when I first realized how much I loved studying science. I was so amazed at the complexity of **Creation**: the cell, the "simple" flower, the human body, the systematic order of the elements, the perfect arrangement of the heavens, the complexity of bumblebees, and the list goes on!

As both a student and teacher, I still love science today, and I think you will too. As you start to learn this information, you will begin to appreciate that nothing as complex as God's Creation could have come into existence by coincidence, happenstance, or as a mere fluke of nature. I'd encourage you to always ask the question, "Is this something that likely happened by accident — by pure chance? Or is it more likely there was a designer?"

We'll start our class with learning how to learn. What is note-taking, and how do you go about it? What are the most effective methods for studying? What signals to our brain that we should remember something? What is most important when taking tests? As students, we don't often spend the time learning how to learn. We assume and we take for granted that optimal learning will happen naturally; it doesn't. So as a first priority, we will study how to learn, understand, and remember information productively, making the time you spend on a topic as fruitful as possible. We'll also cover the scientific method and writing quality lab reports.

My goal is to <u>teach</u> students to **think** — **deeply**, **critically**, **biblically**, and **creatively**.

In the field of science, we absorb and reinforce scientific information and principles with repetition and progression in a layered learning structure. We start in the early years (prior to sixth grade) with initial introductions to various areas of science. Then we grow, improve, and build on that foundation in middle school years, with additional experience and advancement during the high school years. It's an ongoing process with continued repetition and exposure to new material over several years.

Illuminating His <u>Creation</u> — Revealing His Glory

The information covered and direction given in the live (and/or recorded) classes will be the core of this course. This study guide has been designed to support and extend these class discussions with plenty of visuals; students need to **see** science to best understand it. Graphics, worksheets, tables, charts, and more are included within. Much of the homework will involve writing, completing graphics, the construction of lab reports, designing, sketching, and other **creative endeavors** that will help you to learn and to remember material, techniques, and concepts. I'll tell you lots of stories, too! As we learn more about His creation, His glory is more clearly revealed!

Have fun!

Looking forward to our learning journey,

Professor Greg Landry

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Note-Taking, Studying, & Test Preparation



Introduction to Note-Taking, Studying, & Test Taking

Before we begin studying the subject at hand, the very first thing we're going to cover in this chapter and this course is **learning how to learn**. When you think about it, you realize it may be one of the most important things to cover before taking any type of class. Yet most students have never studied how to most effectively understand, learn, and remember information. And learning takes work!

The first step in this process is being able to remember what you're being taught. When you listen to somebody speak – maybe a teacher in class, or a pastor in your church – you remember very little of what you hear, on average. So, if you want to recall that information, it's necessary that you write it down. We call this action **taking notes**. This way, you can always refer back to that information later. In an academic setting, that is certainly required.

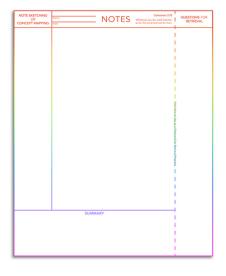
Note-taking is the act of writing down what you think are the most important details from what you're hearing. If you're not experienced with note-taking, this can be a little intimidating at first. All at once, you're listening to somebody speak, determining what's **most important** about what they're saying, and then writing it down.

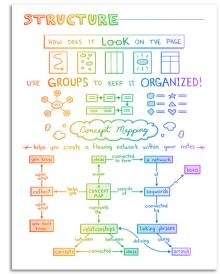
But I'll encourage you – you will get better at note-taking very quickly. Note-taking is something you should be very proficient in as you move through the high school years, and potentially into the college years. What's the best way to do this? How should you **structure your notes**? How can you take notes that maximize your ability to study and remember the material?

Scientists have done decades of research on how we learn. From their results, we know which methods are the most effective for storing information in our **long-term memory**. I have developed an efficient method for taking notes and learning information, called the **NSSR**.

These letters refer to **Notes**, **Sketches**, **Summary**, and **Retrieval**. Based on the research provided by those scientists, and upon years of practical use where previous students have used parts of these components, I've put these four factors together in a method that works best for students. But it takes **effort!**







The **NSSR** Method

Notes:

These are those important details you write down while listening to your teacher.

Sketches:

Note-sketching is done after class with colored pencils, helping you remember words, concepts, structures, etc. Not only does the act of sketching help you remember just as well as the act of writing, but it's also easier to learn something when you're studying your sketches, your creation. This is not about making beautiful art – if you happen to be a talented artist, great! But for the rest of us, it's just about creating and learning.



Summary:

This is a synopsis of your notes done and reviewed after class ends.

Retrieval:

Practice for recalling or retrieving information happens through a variety of methods. Every time you retrieve memories of learned material, you're telling your brain that it's important to remember that information.

Here are some examples of retrieval practice:

- 1. Have someone ask you questions using your own notes for reference.
- 2. Create and use flash cards.
- **3. Teach** someone about the subject, using your notes as little as possible.
- **4. Sketch** details about the material from memory, again minimizing the use of your notes.

We'll cover these methods thoroughly and discuss more examples in class. I'll also tell you a story about my own bumpy road to learning how to take notes – in college!

— Professor Landry's NSSR Method for Note-Taking & Studying -

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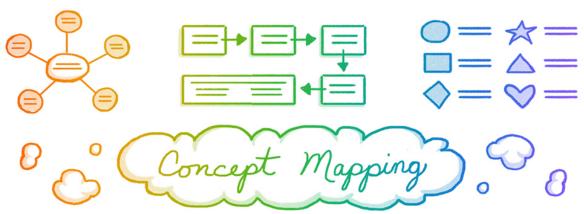




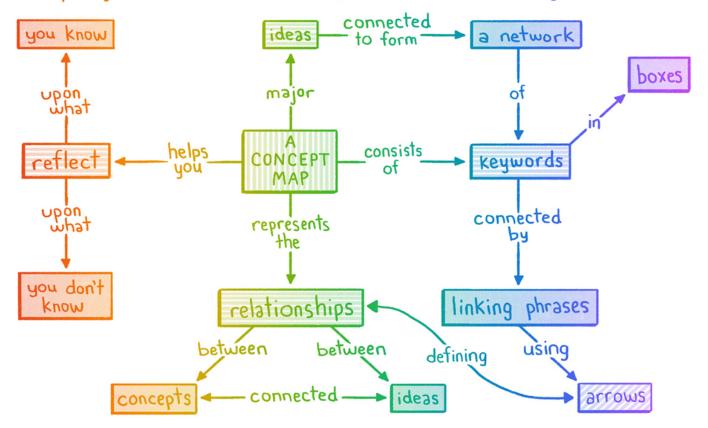




USE GROUPS TO KEEP IT ORGANIZED!



+ helps you create a flowing network within your notes -



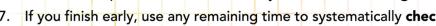
Test Preparation and Test Taking

TEST PREPARATION

- 1. Take good notes (as discussed earlier) and, if necessary, listen to class recordings to fill in missing notes
- 2. Create sketch notes (as discussed earlier)
- 3. Review your notes
- 4. On a regular basis (do a little on most days don't procrastinate and "cram"), use a variety of retrieval practice methods:
 - flash cards
 - have someone ask you questions from your notes
 - teach the information to someone from memory
 - summarize your notes
 - sketch your notes
 - create a test for yourself and take it

TEST TAKING

- 1. Be aware of **time** and be aware of spending too much time on one question
- 2. Totally focus on one question at a time
- 3. Work steadily
- 4. If it's multiple choice and you don't know the correct answer, try to eliminate answers you know are not correct
- 5. If it's discussion, write everything you know:
 - many students write far too little even when they know more; your job is to show the teacher what you know
- 6. Never leave questions unanswered; if you run out of time, guess
- If you finish early, use any remaining time to systematically check your answers



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TEST TAKING

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3.	Have you studied using retrieval practice until you know all of the information? What types of retrieval practice did you use?
4.	For 10 minutes, teach someone what we discussed in class — using your notes as little as possible. Who did you teach and what did you teach them?
5.	Explain something about this week's lesson that you found most interesting.
6.	List several types of retrieval practice.
7.	How would you explain to a friend how to take notes and study?
8.	Why is it important to take notes in a class?
9.	Why is it important to study your class material every week rather than all at once?

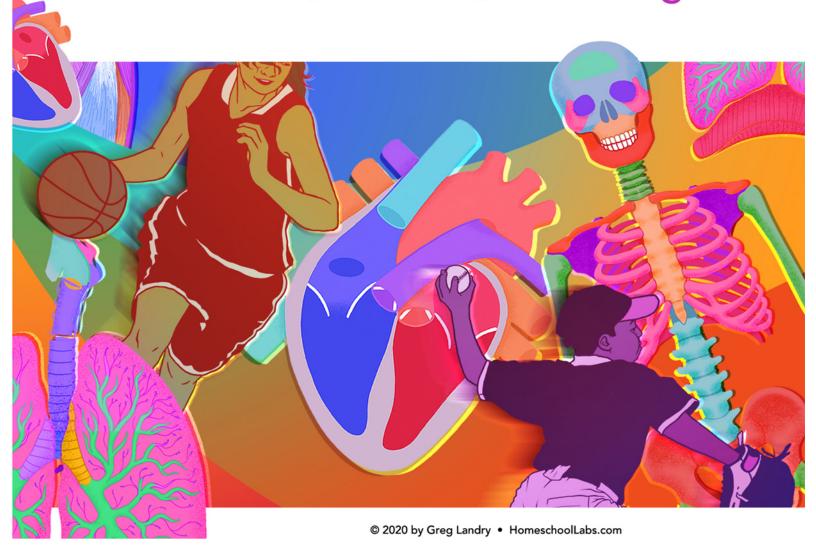
0. Give an example of some note-sketching you might do during a class.	

Your Science Creation Worksheet

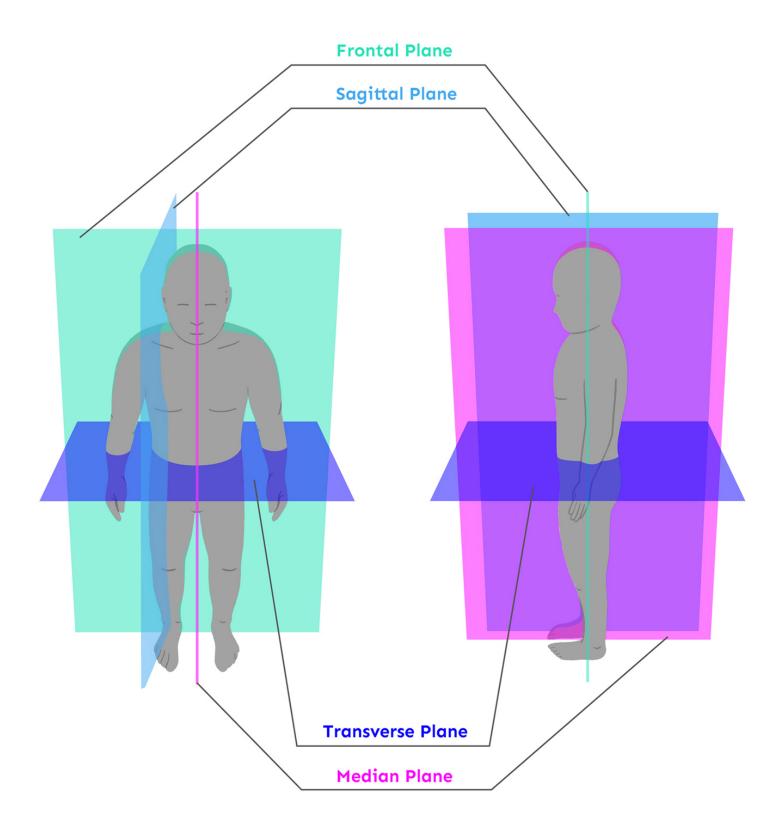
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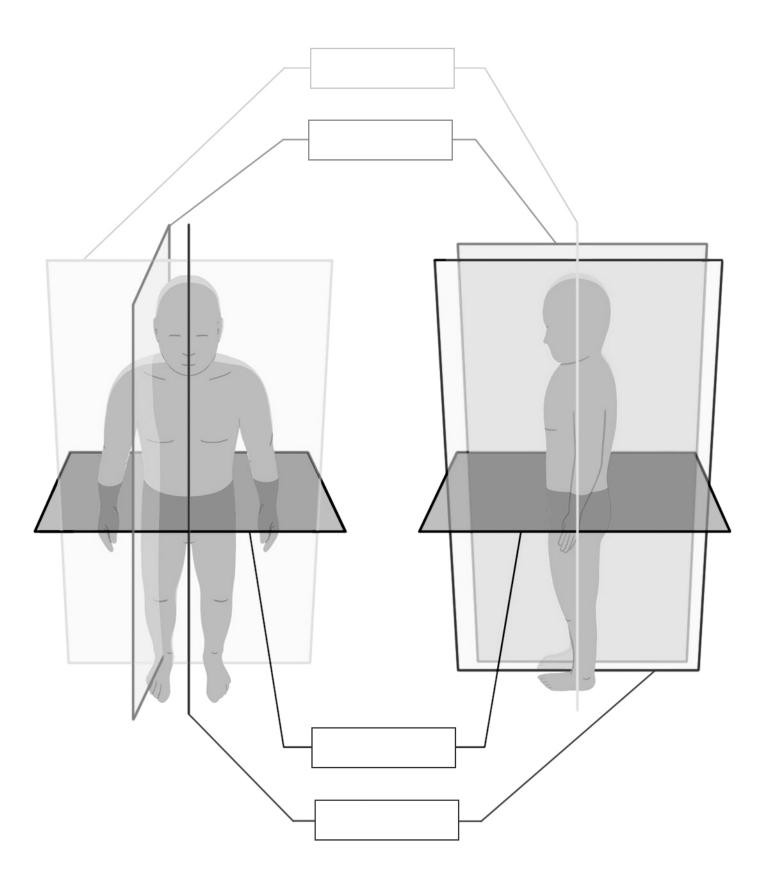
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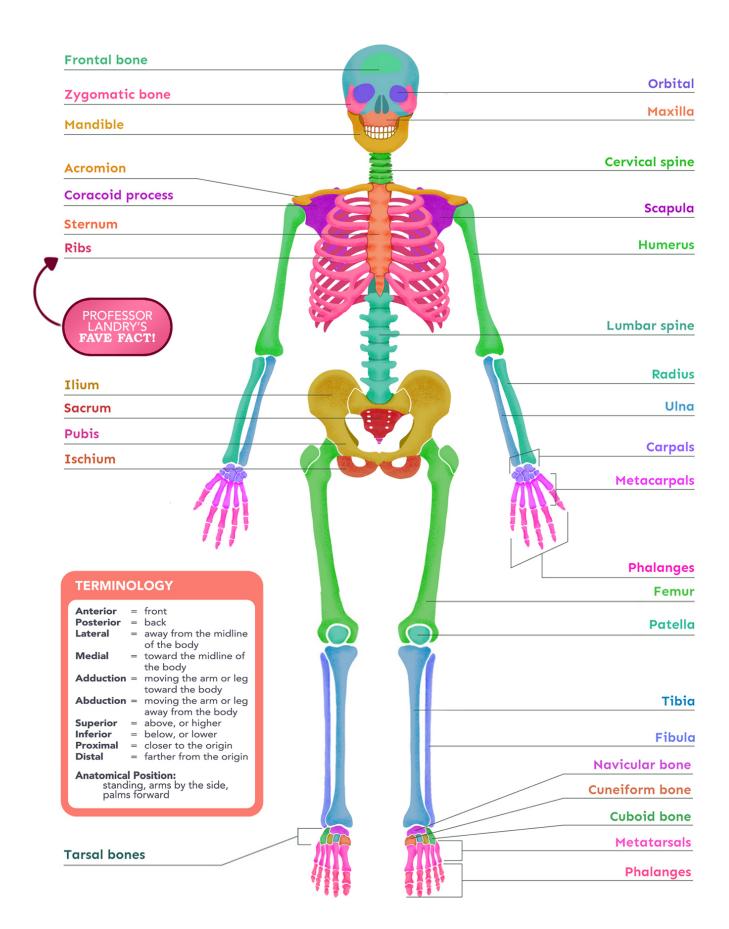
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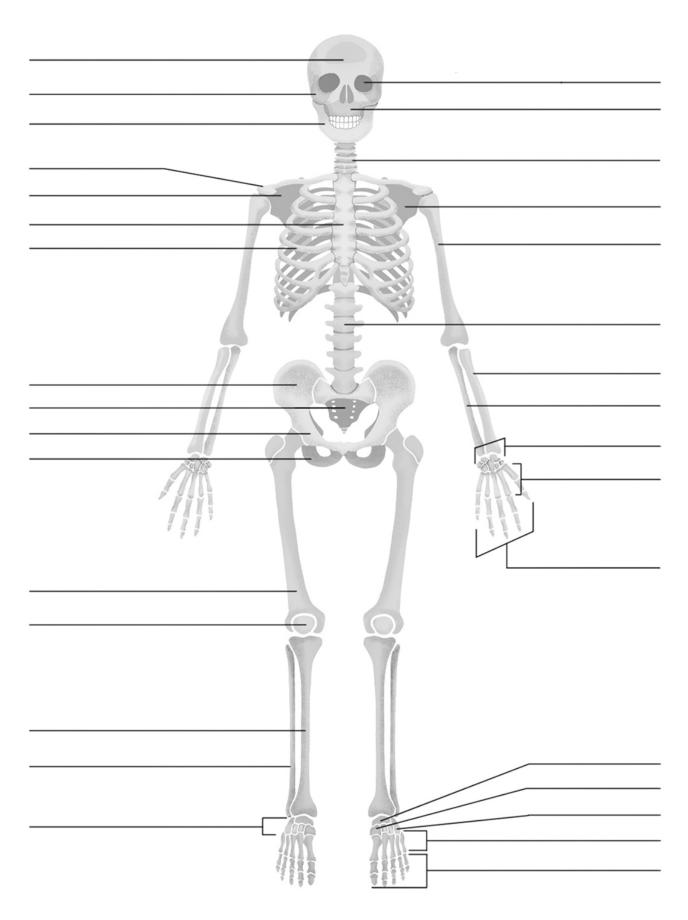
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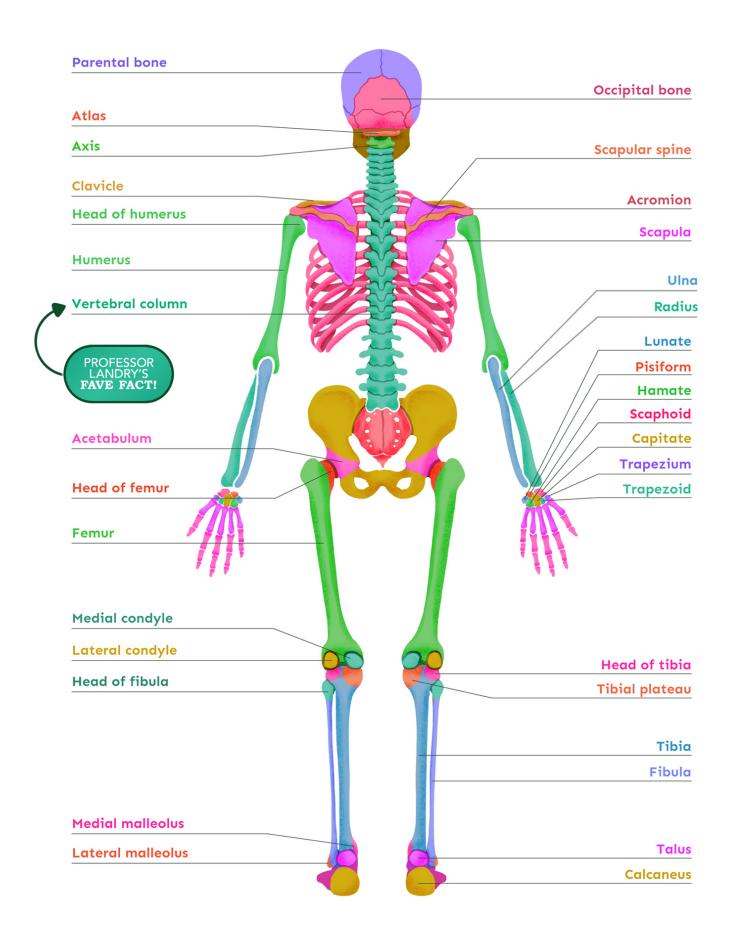
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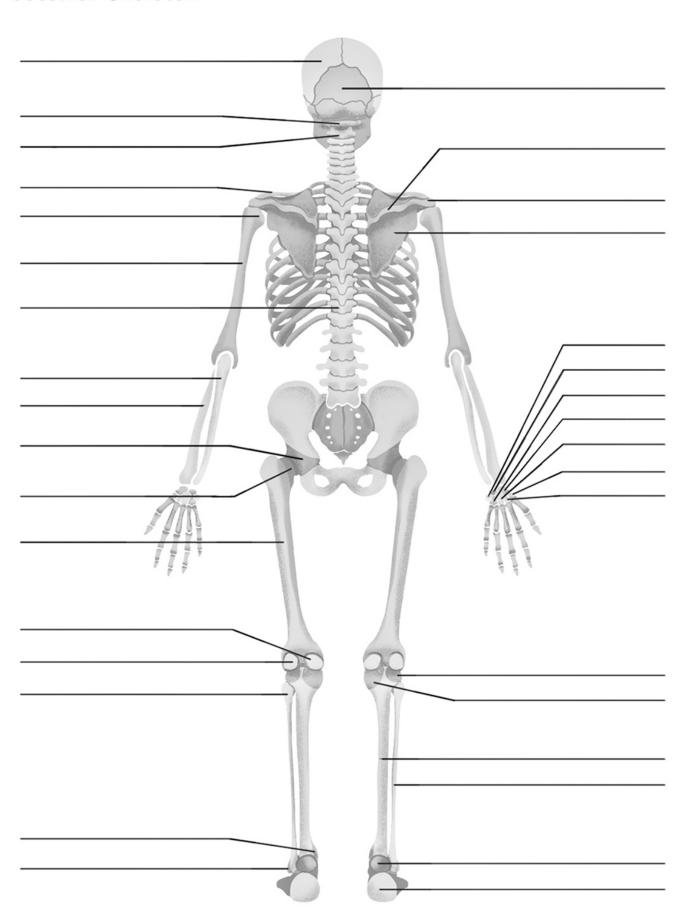
Anterior Skeleton —



Posterior Skeleton -



Posterior Skeleton —



The **Human Muscular** System

FAVE FACT!

nm = nanometers

- = one billionth of a meter
- = 0.000000001 meters
- = 25,400,000 nm in 1 inch

Virus size (average): 100 nm



Bacteria size (average): 950 nm



Human cell (average): 50,000 nm



Human muscle cell (average):



Human hair width (average):

100,000 nm

COOL MUSCLE FACTS!

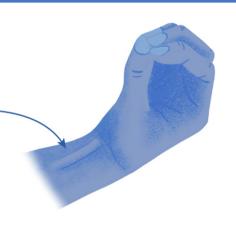
- Humans have over 600 muscles.
- 3 types of muscles:
 - . skeletal (most of the muscles in the body)
 - . cardiac (heart)
 - smooth (intestines, walls of arteries, etc.).
- "Muscle" come from the Latin "musculus," which means "little mouse"
- Muscles are attached (called origins & insertions) to bones with very strong tendons that mesh into the bone.
- They move the body with incredible coordination and precision.
- They contract (shorten) via a sliding filament mechanism.
- They produce heat that helps maintain normal body temperature (homeostasis).
- · They love high energy ATP for energy.
- Glycogen (stored glucose) is stored in the muscle and liver and broken down to glucose when needed
- Glucose, along with oxygen, goes through cellular respiration to produce the high energy molecule that muscles love: ATP!
- Proprioception (muscle sense) allows our brain to know where our muscles are and what they're doing.
- Regular activity (manual work or exercise) increases the muscle's tone (state of slight contraction) and ability to use oxygen to create ATP (improves fitness level and your 5K time). :-)
- Muscle hypertrophy (increase in size) occurs when it has to do "harder" work than it normally does (weight training or manual work that requires heavy lifting).
- The longest muscle cell is about 32 cm (sartorius muscle in the leg) and the shortest is about 0.1 cm (stapedius muscle in the ear).

DO YOU HAVE A PALMARIS LONGUS?

Do you have a palmaris longus? 23% of the population does not.

Here's how to determine if you do: squeeze your fingertips together like this while bending your wrist and look for the palmaris longus tendon.

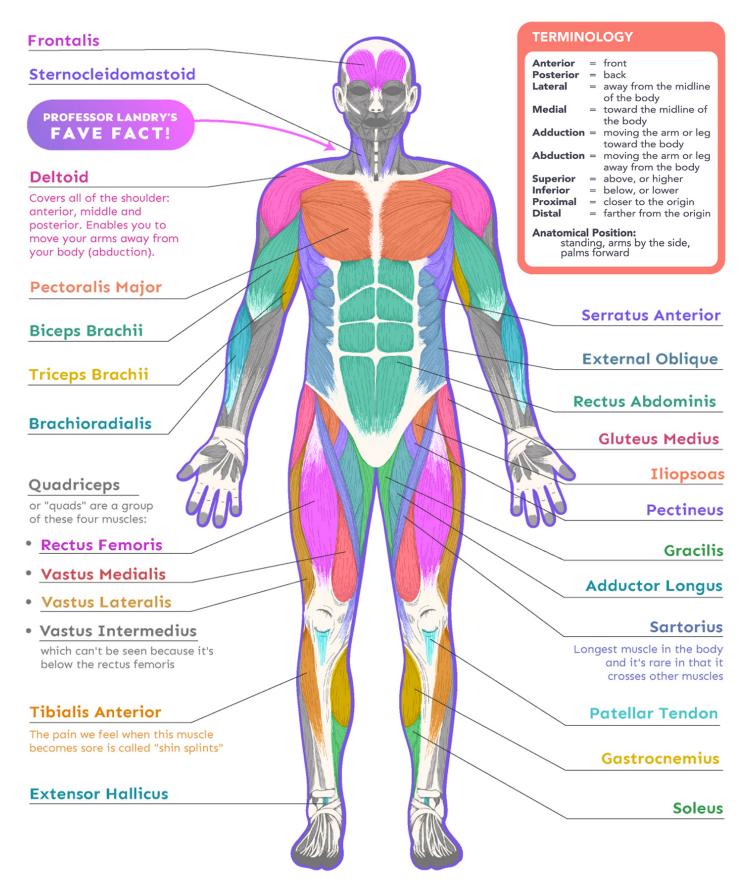
Does not having a palmaris longus affect you negatively? Your grip strength might be slightly decreased, but it's not noticeable.



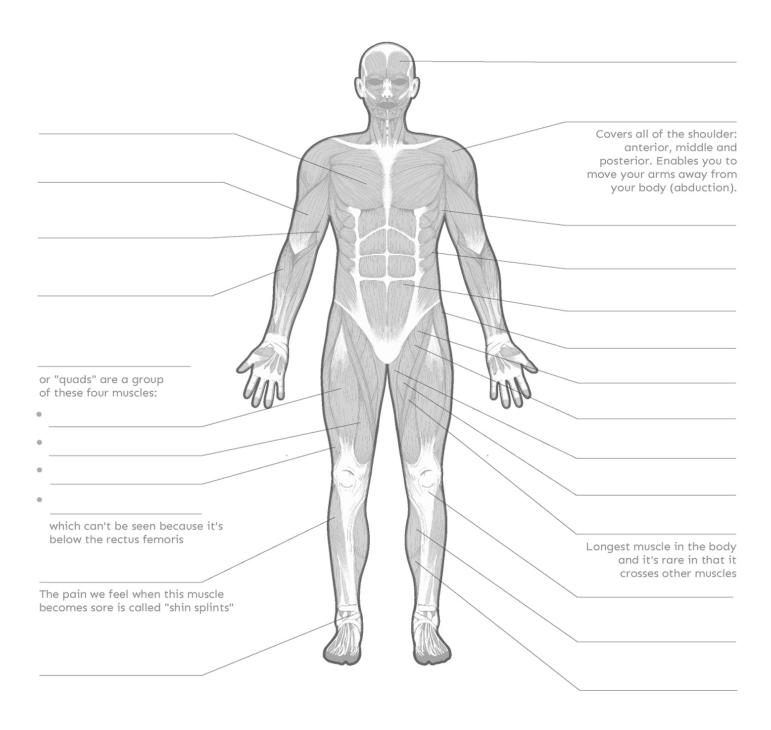
MUSCLE FIBER TYPES —

CHARACTERISTICS	TYPE I	TYPE IIA	TYPE IIX
CONTRACTION TIME	SLOW	FAST	VERY FAST
OXIDATIVE CAPACITY	HIGH	HIGH	LOW
DIAMETER	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE
RESISTANCE TO FATIGUE	HIGH	MODERATE	SMALL
GENERATING FORCE	SMALL	MODERATE	VERY HIGH

Anterior Muscles -



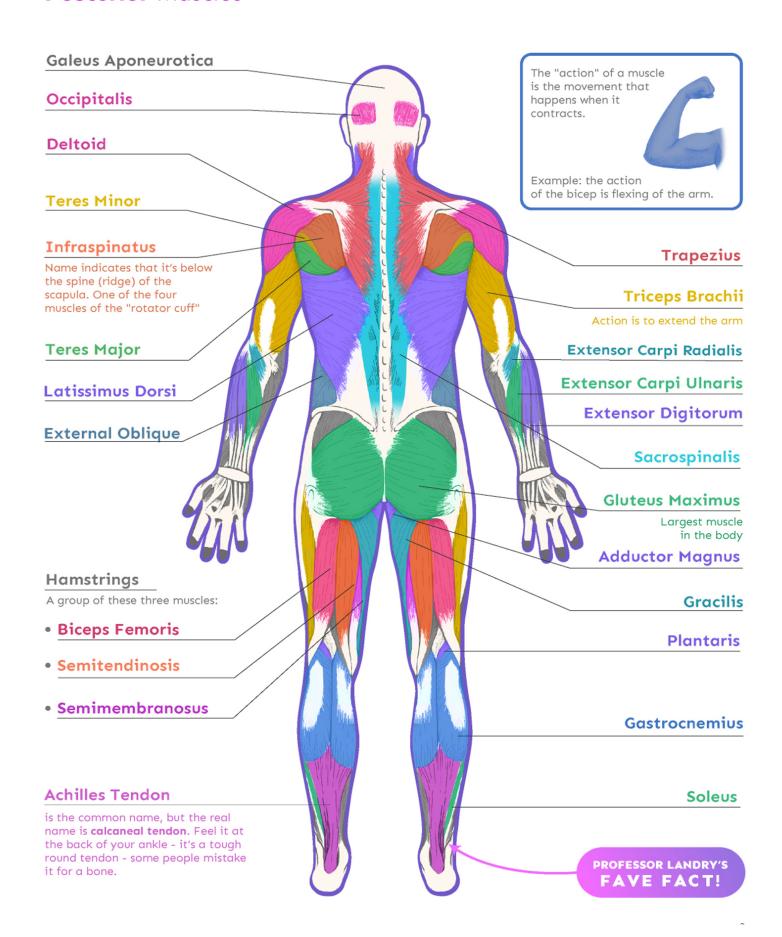
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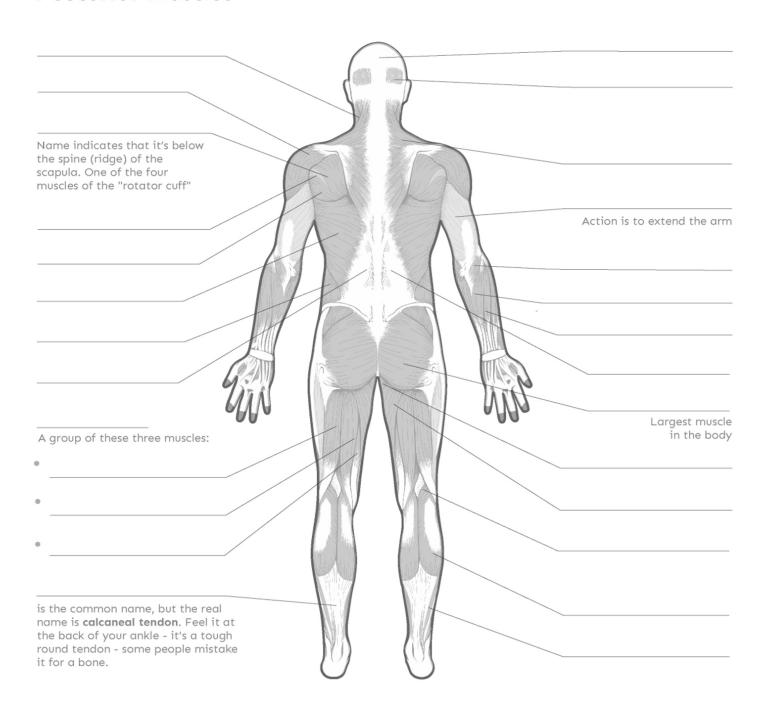
True or False

- 1. **T F** The average muscle cell width is 5 nanometers.
- 2. **T** F In anatomical position, the biceps brachii muscle is on the anterior of the body.
- 3. **T** F The "quadriceps" are a group of four muscles on the anterior of the leg.
- 4. **T F** Ligaments attach muscles to bones.
- 5. **T F** Some people do not have a palmaris longus muscle.

Posterior Muscles -



Posterior Muscles -



True or False

- 1. T F Humans have over 900 muscles.
- 2. **T F** Muscles produce heat to help maintain temperature homeostasis.
- 3. **T** F The trapezius muscle is posterior leg muscle.
- 4. **T** F The tendon of the gastrocnemius is the calcaneal tendon.
- 5. **T F** Adducting the leg is moving it toward the midline of the body.

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4.	For 10 minutes, teach someone what we discussed in class — using your notes as little as possible. Who did you teach and what did you teach them?
5.	Explain something about this week's lesson that you found most interesting.
6.	What is the purpose of bones in humans?
7.	What connects bones to bones?
8.	Name and describe the parts of the vertebral column as discussed in class.

9.	Name 15 different bones of your choice from the anterior skeleton. Describe where they are located using the directional terms we discussed in class.
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11. List and describe the terms of direction that we discussed in class.
12. How are muscles connected to bones?
13. What is the function of muscles?
14. Describe what a muscle's "action" is, in general.
15. Explain the specific action of five anterior muscles.
16. Explain the specific action of five posterior muscles.

7. List 10 anterior muscles and describe their location using the directional terms we discussed in class.
8. List 10 posterior muscles and describe their location using the directional terms we discussed in class.
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0. Sketch and label the posterior muscles in the space below.								

21.	Write a 100 - 200 word story below using muscles, terms of direction, and muscle action as we discussed in class Be creative!

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