Transcription Worksheet

The central dogma of molecular biology states:

- 1. DNA replicates.
- 2. DNA codes for the production of mRNA. _____
- 3. mRNA migrates from the nucleus to the cytoplasm.
- 4. MRNA carries coded information to the ribosomes. Ribosomes create proteins.

DNA codes for proteins.

DNA vs. RNA (Compare and contrast DNA and RNA):

Translation

Objective:

The three essential stages are;

- 1.
- 2.

3.

Stage 1: Initiation

- 1. _____ binds to the _____ or the _____ and opens up the double helix.
- 2. ______ binds to the ______ as it contains many ______ and _____ bases. They only have two ______ which makes it easier to break the double helix.

Stage 2: Elongation

- 1. On the ______ of DNA, RNA polymerase builds mRNA in the ______ direction. The ______ is not transcribed.
- 2. The _______ is the unused strand of DNA.
- 3. No RNA primers are required to start the process unlike DNA replication.

Stage 3: Termination

- 1. A ________ is encountered and recognized by the RNA polymerase at the end of the gene.
- 2. The ______ of mRNA is removed from the

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3. The process is repeated when ______ binds to another ______ and begins ______ another gene.

Before leaving the nucleus, some modifications are made to protect the mRNA in the cytoplasm.

A	_ is added to protect it from _	and to tell ribosomes to
initiate	·	

The	is added to protect the mRNA from	
It is a tail of	nucleotides. It is added by	·

Genes are made out of two components; ______ and _____. _____ are the coding regions, the part that is going to be translated into a protein. ______ are the non coding regions. ______ removes the ______ from the mRNA.

After all of this you are left with a ______.