

#### Introduction



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Early Days: Discovery, Medical and General Microbiology	Era of Molecular Biology/General Microbiology	Molecular Microbiology, Genomics, and Proteomics

### **Microbiology: the study of microorganisms**

<u>Microorganisms</u> are single-celled microscopic organisms and viruses.

#### What is microbiology all about?

Microbiology is **about cells and how they work**, especially the **bacteria**, a large group of cells of enormous basic and practical importance.



- Microbiology is about **diversity** and **evolution**, about how different kinds of microorganisms arose and why.
- Microorganisms vs macroorganisms. The cells of macroorganisms such as plants and animals are unable to live alone in nature and exist only as parts of multicellular structures.

## Microbiology

• The science of microbiology revolves around two themes:

- Understanding basic life processes.
- Applying our understanding of microbiology for the benefit of humankind.

- The nineteenth century.
- The Historical Roots of Microbiology: Hooke, van Leeuwenhoek, and Cohn- the invention of the microscope.
  - Robert Hooke (1635–1703).
  - Antoni van Leeuwenhoek (1632–1723).



- In **1684**, van **Leeuwenhoek** used extremely simple microscopes of his own construction.
- He discovered bacteria in **1676** while studying pepper–water infusions.
- He named them "wee animalcules".
- The progress was slow that it took 150 years.

#### The van Leeuwenhoek microscope

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• **19<sup>th</sup> Century**: improved microscopes become widely distributed.

• In the mid- to late nineteenth century major advances were made in the new science of microbiology.

• The French chemist **Louis Pasteur** and the German physician **Robert Koch**.

• Ferdinand Cohn (**1828–1898**)- the founder of the field we now call "*Bacteriology*".

- Cohn and resistance in bacteria- endospores.
- Described the life cycle of the endospore-forming bacterium *Bacillus*, and the **vegetative** cells of *Bacillus* were killed by boiling.



## **QUESTIONS??**

