# INTRODUCTION TO GENETICS

- The science of inheritance
  Parents and
  - heredity is the set of characteristics an organism receives from his parents



## What is genetics?

The scientific study of heredity



#### **Genes and dominance**

 Trait : a characteristic
Mendel studied seven of these traits

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- if an organism inherits different alleles for the same trait, one allele may be dominant over the other
- some genes segregate independently

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A closer look at heredity There are characteristics that we share with our family that we may not see.

Heredity is the key of genetics.

