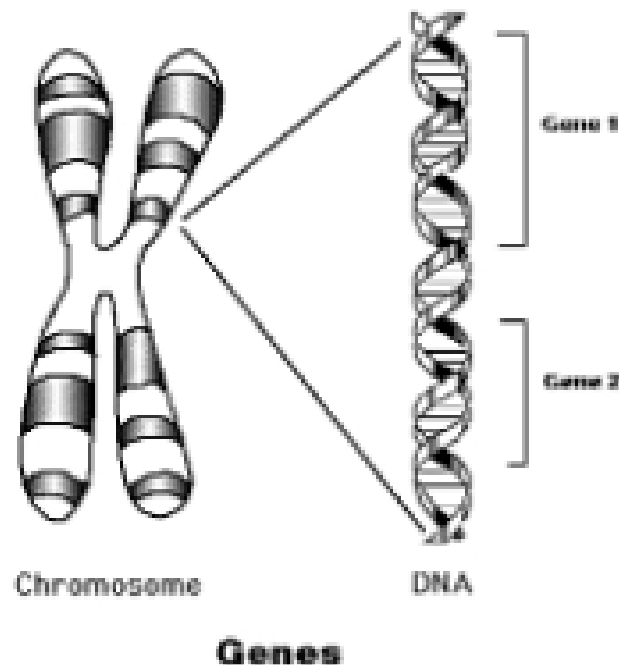


Biological Beginnings



The nature vs. nurture debate at the Oscars

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The Evolutionary Perspective

- Natural selection
 - Evolutionary process
 - Individuals of a species that are best adapted are the ones that survive and reproduce
- Evolutionary Psychology: Emphasizes the importance of adaptation, reproduction, and survival of the fittest in shaping behavior

Evolutionary Developmental Psychology

- Using the concepts of evolutionary psychology to understand human development
 - Example: Human childhood period is extended
- Issues:
 - Evolved mechanisms are not always adaptive in contemporary society
 - Cant test theory empirically
 - Bidirectional view