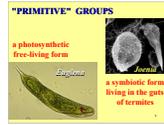




Protocista

kingdom includes:
eukaryotic micro-organisms & their immediate descendant groups:
 all algae, seaweeds, slime moulds "protozoa", and many others...
 a kingdom **defined by exclusion:**
 those eukaryotes that are not animals (metazoa), plants (embryos) fungi (spores, no cilia)
 (so what kind of group is it? Natural?)

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"PRIMITIVE" GROUPS



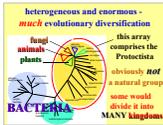
SLIME MOLLIS

a gigantic single cell with thousands of nuclei
 mature plasmodium sporangium - producing haploid spores



RHODOPHYTA

"Red Algae" - duke



heterogeneous and enormous - much evolutionary diversification
 this array comprises the Protocista obviously NOT a natural group some would divide it into MANY kingdoms

General characteristics
 • mostly unicellular; some colonial, syncytial & multicellular
 • enormous size range: -0.01mm to -20m - 4 powers of 10
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 • diversity reflected in -38 "phyla"
 • mostly aerobic - have mitochondria
 • most have cilia at some stage



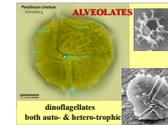
Entamoeba histolytica
 skin lesions



Trypanosomes
 Sleeping sickness
 Chagas disease



Paramecium
ALVEOLATES
Foramsifera



ALVEOLATES
 diatoms
 dinoflagellates both auto- & hetero-trophic

• all aquatic, either fw or marine, in tissues of others, or in water films
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 • many are parasitic, on plants and animals, some causing serious diseases
 (dysentery, sleeping sickness, Chagas, malaria, pox, AIDS, group milder...)
 • **autotrophic** - phytoplankton, large algae; or heterotrophic; some can switch, absorption & ingestion



Beckley's way of arranging groups
 but much convergence - not natural groups



Leishmania
 another trypanosome produces many forms of ulcers & lesions



Rhizopod amoebae
 free-living on bacteria or pathogens on fish & shellfish



RED TIDES - masses of dinoflagellates



RADIOLARIANS



CHROOCISTA - brown and green algae
 diatoms, kelps and other seaweeds



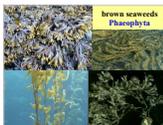
Diatoms



GREEN ALGAE



highly differentiated, yet a single cell
 Acetabularia
 Caulerpa



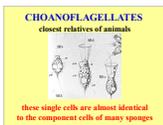
brown seaweeds
 Phaeophyta



GREEN SEaweeds

NEXT CLASS:
 The Fungi - life by absorption

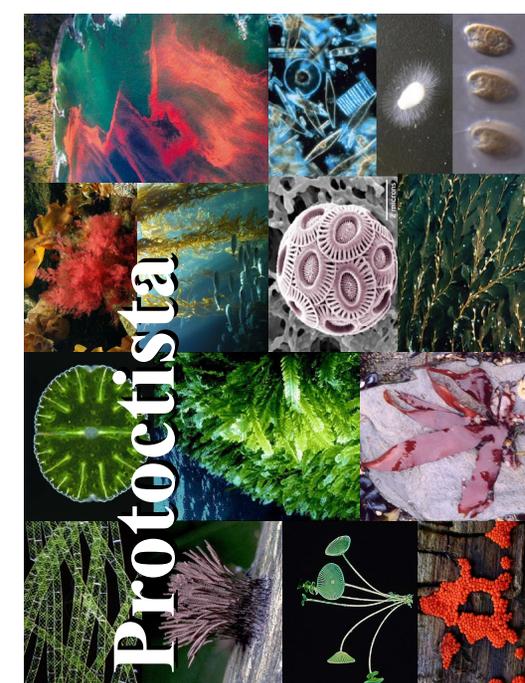
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 closest relatives of animals
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Berkeley's way of arranging groups



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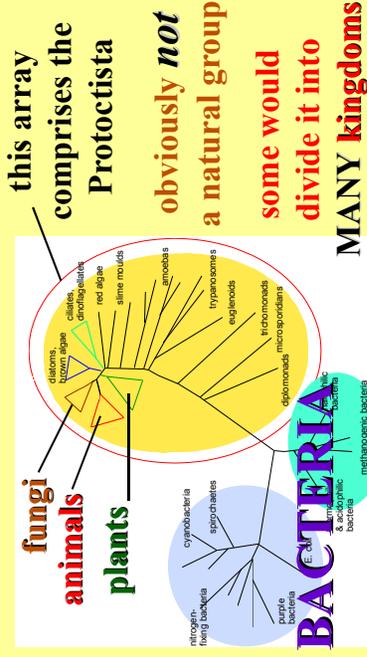
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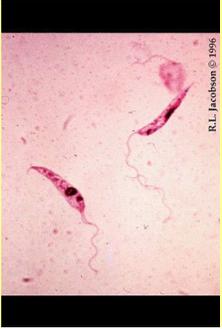


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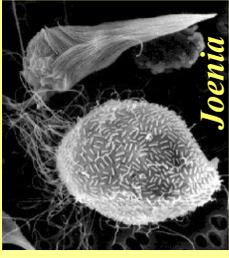


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"PRIMITIVE" GROUPS



Joenia

a symbiotic form
living in the guts
of termites

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Euglena

a photosynthetic
free-living form

Rhizopod amoebas



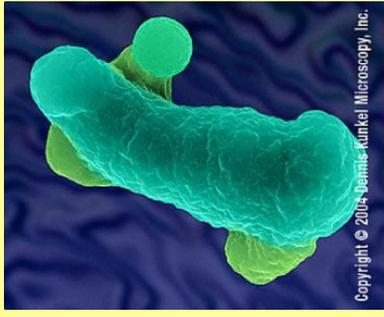
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Entamoeba histolytica



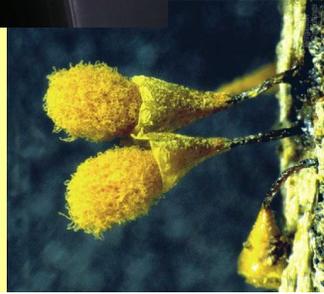
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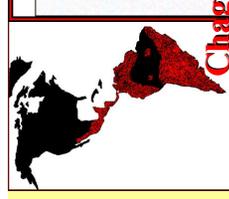
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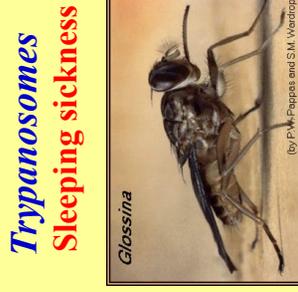
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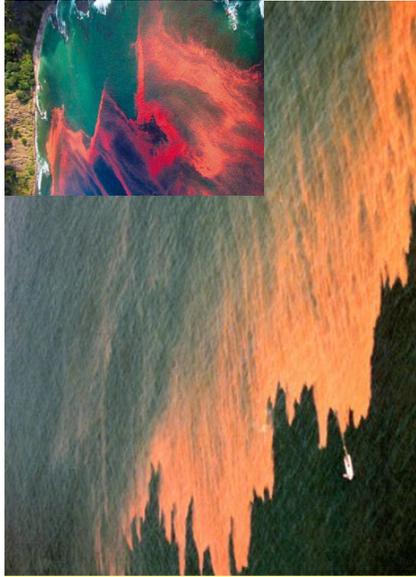
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trypanostigotes



African Trypanosomes in Humans
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RED TIDES - masses of dinoflagellates

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RHODOPHYTA

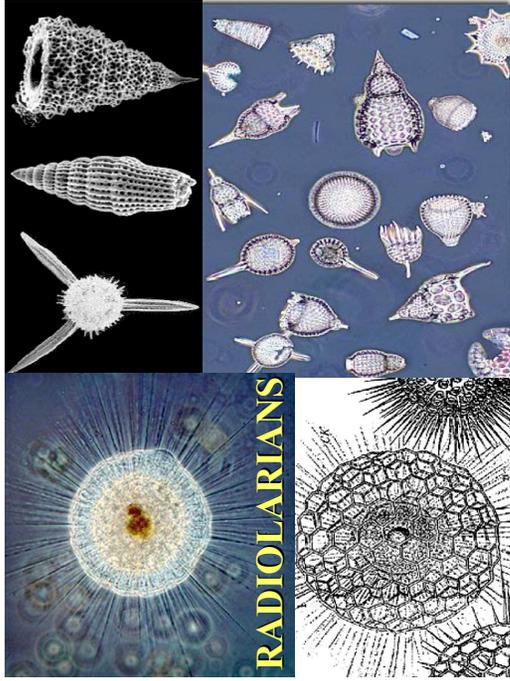


"Red Algae" - dulce



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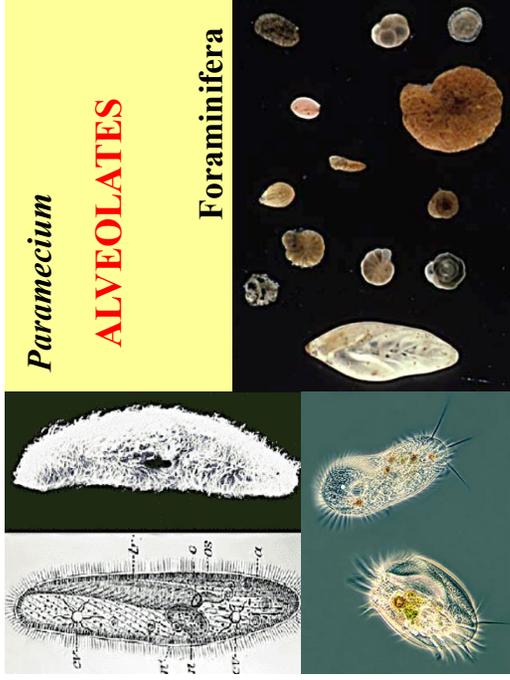
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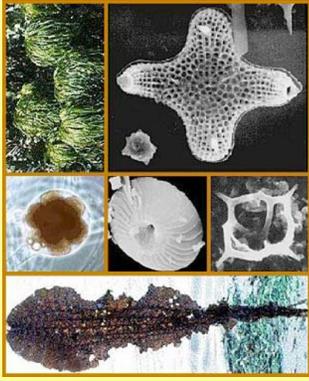
Paramecium

ALVEOLATES

Foraminifera



CHROMISTA - brown and green algae

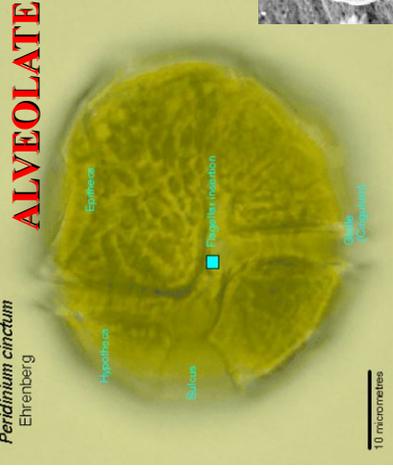
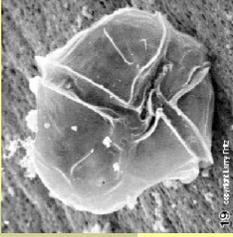


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Peridinium cinctum
Ehrenberg

ALVEOLATES

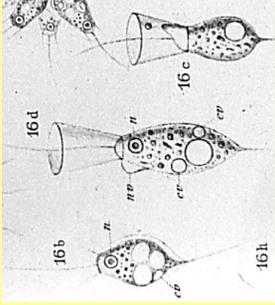
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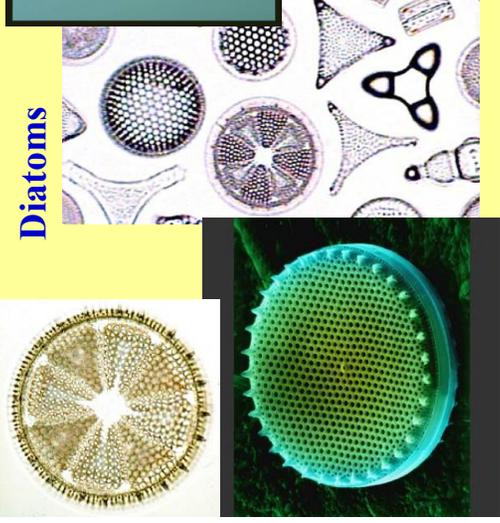
CHOANOFLAGELLATES

closest relatives of animals



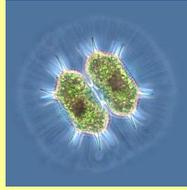
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Diatoms



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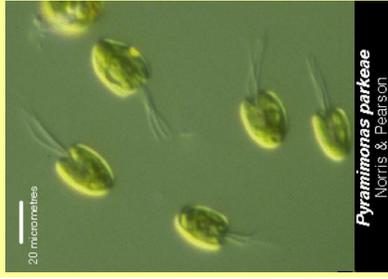
- closest relatives of plants



brown seaweeds Phaeophyta



GREEN ALGAE



Pyramimonas parkese
Norris & Pealson



Chlamydomonas moewusii Gerloff

Cell with flagella

10 micrometres



Hablophaera minor
Ostenfeld

highly differentiated;
yet a single cell

Acetabularia



**collectively, brown & green algae,
diatoms etc. are responsible for
most primary productivity
in marine systems**

Caulerpa



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