

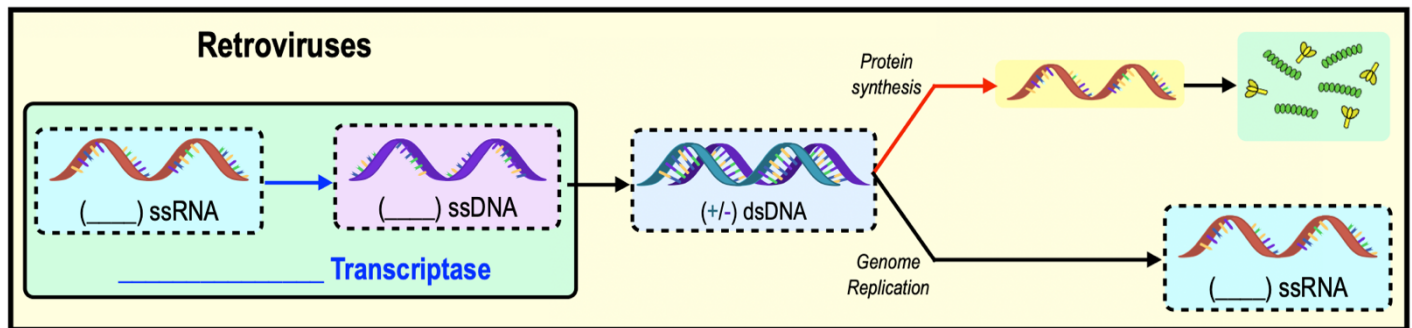
## CONCEPT: ANIMAL VIRUSES: REVERSE-TRANSCRIBING VIRUS SYHTNESIS & REPLICATION

● **Reverse-Transcribing Viruses:** RNA viruses that encode the enzyme \_\_\_\_\_ *transcriptase*.

- **Reverse Transcriptase:** *RNA-dependent DNA polymerase* using \_\_\_\_\_ as a template to make \_\_\_\_\_.

● \_\_\_\_\_ **viruses:** reverse-transcribing viruses with a (+) ssRNA genome & *reverse transcriptase*.

- After entry, *reverse transcriptase* uses (+) ssRNA as a template to make (-) ss\_\_\_\_\_.
- (-) ssDNA is used to build a *complement* DNA strand to form (+/-) \_\_\_\_\_ DNA.
- (+/-) dsDNA is *transcribed* to (\_\_\_\_) ssRNA, which can be *translated*, or used to *replicate* the (+) ssRNA genome.



● (+/-) dsDNA can \_\_\_\_\_ into host the chromosome to become *latent* inside the host cell.

**PRACTICE:** Which of the following characteristics correctly describes retroviruses?

- a) They are made up of only a single protein.
- b) They can only reproduce by infecting bacteria.
- c) They have single-stranded DNA that acts as a template for DNA synthesis.
- d) They have single-stranded RNA that acts as a template for DNA synthesis.

**PRACTICE:** A retrovirus \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Is a DNA virus.
- b) Integrates viral DNA into the host chromosome.
- c) Requires the viral protein replicase to replicate its genome.
- d) All of the above.

**PRACTICE:** The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is a retrovirus. HIV will not be able to integrate its viral genome into the host cell's genome unless it carries which enzyme in its viral particle?

- a) Replicase.
- b) Reverse transcriptase.
- c) DNA polymerase.
- d) Transcriptase.