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Gregor Mendel was an Austrian monk who in the 19th century worked out the basic laws of inheritance, even before the term "gene" had been coined. In his monastery garden, Mendel performed thousands of crosses with garden peas. Mendel explained his results by describing two laws of inheritance that introduced the idea of dominant and recessive traits.