PROTEIN STRUCTURE WORKSHEET

- 1. Fill in the primary structure and show with arrows where the peptide bonds are.
- 2. Show the bonding (with dotted lines) in the secondary structure of an alpha helix.
- 3. Draw a parallel polypeptide using amino acid fragments that show all of the possible tertiary structure bonding
- 4. Describe how these tertiary structure bonds could be disrupted (denatuare this polypeptide you have made)

TERTIARY STRUCTURE INTERACTIONS

hydrophobic bonds	between non-polar sidechains
hydrophilic	between polar side chains and water
hydrogen bonds	between polar side chains
ionic bonds	between an ionic acid side chain and an ionic base side chain
disulfide bonds	between sulfurs in two cysteine amino acid residues

DENATURING PROCESSES (disrupts the 2°, 3°, or 4° structure):

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Heat	hydrophobic, hydrogen bonding
pH change (acid or base)	salt bridges
heavy metals	salt bridges, disulfide bonds
oxidation	disulfide bonds
agitation	hydrophobic, hydrogen bonds

PRIMARY STRUCTURE DESTRUCTION

hydrolysis	destroys primary structure
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