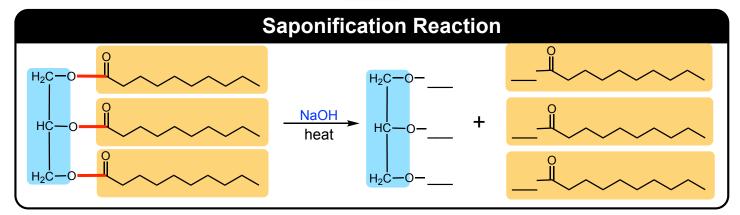
# **Saponification**

• Under this reaction the \_\_\_\_\_ ion cleaves the ester bond to create \_\_\_\_ of the fatty acids and \_\_\_\_\_.



- The salts of the fatty acids are used in the creation of soaps.
  - □ When NaOH used = \_\_\_\_\_ soap created.
- □ When KOH used = \_\_\_\_\_ soap created.

**EXAMPLE**: Draw the starting triacylglycerol used when its complete basic hydrolysis created 2 laurate salts, 1 palmitate salt, and a glycerol molecule.

**PRACTICE:** The salt of a fatty acid has its ending of "ic acid" changed to "ate". Based on this information provide the name of the salt created from the following saponification reaction.

$$H_2C-O$$
 $H_2C-O$ 
 $H_2C-O$ 
 $H_2C-O$ 
 $H_2C-O$ 
 $H_2C-O$ 
 $H_2C-O$ 
 $H_2C-O$ 
 $H_2C-O$ 

- a) Potassium Laurate
- c) Potassium Myristate

- b) Sodium Oleate
- d) Potassium Lactate

## **Base-Catalyzed Hydrolysis Mechanism**

• The base-catalyzed hydrolysis of a triacylglycerol follows a nucleophilic acyl substitution mechanism.

Step 1
Nucleophilic Attack

Step 2

Leaving Group

Step 3

Proton Transfer

**EXAMPLE**: Provide the mechanism for the base-catalyzed hydrolysis for one of the fatty acid chains in the following triglyceride.

$$H_2C = 0$$
 $H_2C = 0$ 
 $H_2C = 0$ 

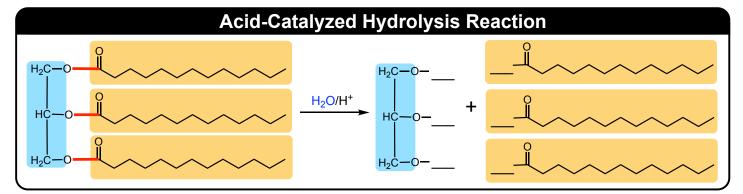
STEP 1: Use the hydroxide ion as a \_\_\_\_\_\_ to attack the carbonyl carbon.

STEP 2: Recreate the pi bond of the carbonyl group to \_\_\_\_\_ the alkoxyl group of the ester.

STEP 3: Use the newly formed carboxylic acid to \_\_\_\_\_ the alkoxide ion.

## **Acid-Catalyzed Hydrolysis**

- Under this type of reaction, ester bond is hydrolyzed to create a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_ fatty acids.
  - □ Occurs stepwise in the presence of a strong acid ( \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_).



• Enzymatic Hydrolysis: a similar reaction done under milder conditions that instead uses the digestive enzyme \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICE:** Provide the common name of the fatty acids produced from the acid-catalyzed hydrolysis of the following triacylglycerol.

$$H_2C = 0$$
 $H_2C = 0$ 
 $H_2C = 0$ 

a) Palmitoleic acid

b) Lauric acid

- c) Palmitic acid
- d) Myristic acid

## **Acid-Catalyzed Hydrolysis Mechanism**

• The acid-catalyzed hydrolysis of a triacylglycerol follows a nucleophilic acyl substitution mechanism.

Step 1
Proton Transfer

Step 2
Nucleophilic Attack

Step 3
Proton Transfer

Step 4
Leaving Group

Step 5
Proton Transfer

**EXAMPLE**: Provide the mechanism for the acid-catalyzed hydrolysis for the top fatty acid chain of the following triglyceride.

STEP 1: Protonate the carbonyl oxygen with a \_\_\_\_\_\_.

€ Ö H H H H

STEP 2: Use the newly created water molecule to attack the carbonyl carbon.

+ ;; H ₩ ; H<sub>2</sub>; H<sub>2</sub>;

**STEP 3:** Perform a proton transfer between attached water molecule and alkoxyl oxygen.

;ö H

STEP 4: Create a double bond between hydroxyl group oxygen and attached carbon then kick out alkoxyl leaving group.

**STEP 5:** Deprotonate the double bonded hydroxyl group oxygen with a water molecule.

H<sub>0</sub> H<sub>2</sub> H<sub>2</sub> H<sub>2</sub> H<sub>2</sub>

**PRACTICE:** Propose a possible mechanism for the following reaction.

$$H_{2}C-OH$$
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 
 $H_{3}O^{+}$ 
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 
 $H_{2}C-OH$ 

**PRACTICE:** An optically inactive triacylglycerol molecule undergoes base-catalyzed hydrolysis to produce 1 glycerol molecule, 1 mole of laurate and 2 moles of myristate. Determine the structure of the triacylglycerol molecule.