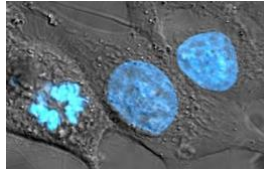


Controversial Issues in *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

English IV Honors

Directions: There are 20 controversial issues listed with links to other articles that will help you to get a deeper understanding of the issue. Choose 3 of the controversial issues. Write an argumentative essay on EACH of the three issues. So, by the opening of the school year, you should have THREE argumentative essays to submit. An argumentative writing rubric is attached.



Stained HeLa Cells: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

1. If prisoners are able and willing to give informed consent, should they be allowed to serve as subjects for medical research?
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2. If scientists develop medical interventions that significantly extend the human lifespan, should they be used to allow humans to live well beyond 100 years of age?
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3. If scientists can manipulate DNA to create smarter, stronger, and better-looking babies, should it be legal to do so?
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4. Should scientists receive federal funding for stem cell research using stem cells from newly created or cloned embryos?
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5. Should people avoid sending their DNA to genealogical research companies, like Ancestry DNA, due to privacy concerns?
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6. Should Oregon's Death with Dignity Act be expanded? If a doctor prescribes lethal drugs to a terminally ill patient, is it a violation of his/her Hippocratic Oath and/or the U.S. Constitution?
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7. Should the HPV vaccination be a required vaccination for all children?
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8. Is it a conflict of interest for doctors to receive any financial benefit from a pharmaceutical company?
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9. Should pharmaceutical companies be banned from conducting clinical trials using human research subjects in developing countries?
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10. If a hearing couple is allowed to use genetic intervention to select embryos *without* a gene that would lead to deafness, can a deaf couple do the same to select embryos *with* a gene that would ensure that their future children will be deaf like them?
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11. Should medical professionals be banned from using family members as interpreters when communicating with patients who have limited English proficiency?
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12. Should scientists be required to obtain a patient's consent when they use the patient's tissue for medical research?
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13. Should people be financially compensated when researchers use their genetic material to create a profitable drug or product?
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14. Should medical schools devote time to teaching future doctors how to recognize their own implicit racial bias, or is disparity in medical treatment based on race a thing of the past?
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15. Should doctors ever be allowed to employ "benevolent deception" and lie to a patient?
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16. If scientists develop the technology to create "synthetic babies" by using animal stem cells to "grow" human embryos, should it be legal to do so?
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17. Who should own a patient's medical data, the patient or the doctor?
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18. Should companies be banned from selling meat derived from cloning animals?
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19. For decades, the U.S. government sent settlement payments to the heirs of the men exploited during the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. Should the remaining funds revert to the government, or should the unclaimed funds be used to support memorials to the men who were subjected to inhumane treatment?

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20. [Should Henrietta's family receive financial compensation from Johns Hopkins Hospital?](#)

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The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Directions: Read through the claims in the middle of the graphic organizer. While reading, think about these claims. If you find evidence to support the claim, cite your evidence to the left. If you find evidence that goes against the claim, cite your evidence to the right. For some claims you might have evidence on both sides of the claim. For other claims you may only find supporting evidence or refuting evidence. You may have empty boxes. For the last box that is empty in the claim category, please write your own claim and provide evidence on the appropriate side(s).

SUPPORT-CLAIM-REFUTE

<i>Supporting Evidence</i>	<i>Claim</i>	<i>Refuting Evidence</i>
	<i>Henrietta Lacks had informed consent for the use of her cells.</i>	
	<i>Racial discrimination doesn't exist in hospitals.</i>	
	<i>There are laws that protect us from scientists and doctors using our tissues.</i>	
	<i>Deborah Lacks wanted justice for what happened to her mother.</i>	
	<i>Without the use of HeLa cells, we wouldn't have the advancements in medicine we have today</i>	