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The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

List the four stages of mitosis and describe them in detail. You may also include drawings to show them.

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What were some of Henrietta's symptoms upon going to the doctor initially? What was the diagnosis?

What is cancer? How does it spread?

How are the types of cancer categorized?

What were some of the uses of HeLa cells in the advancement of research and disease study?

What was the problem with the HeLa cells that was discovered after the widespread dissemination of them worldwide?

Henrietta Lacks' story and that of her family illustrates a problem with patient consent that has existed in this country for many years. What do you think? Compare and contrast the story of Henrietta with that of the Tuskegee Institute Syphilis studies as explained in the book.

Continued Research: Choose a type of cancer to research and produce an informational brochure that would be suitable for a patient who just received a diagnosis. Keep in mind how Henrietta reacted and didn't really understand what her doctors were telling her.

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Page 1: Cancer type- Some graphic or drawing- Your name

Page 2: Symptoms and any lifestyle choices associated with this type of cancer

Page 3: Treatment options

Page 4: How common is it? Is any particular group more likely to get it than any other?

Page 5: Current research /Support groups

Page 6: Interesting facts

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