

The Immortal Life of
HENRIETTA LACKS
Part One
Reflect & Respond

Name: _____

Directions: Respond to each prompt below with a clear topic sentence. Use evidence from the book to support your position.

Consent

Henrietta's cells were taken without her knowledge or consent. Reflect on how this reflects the ethical standards of the 1950s and compare them to today's expectations around patient rights and informed consent. How do you feel about the difference in practices over time?

Values

Henrietta's life in Clover, Virginia, and her role as a tobacco farmer shaped who she was and the life she led. Reflect on how your own family's history or community shapes who you are. What values or experiences do you feel connected to through your family's past?