

Mr. Cordle March 17 - April 9

AP Language Remote Learning Plan

Note: This is a Living Document that has been modified from its original form

For the following five days you will be using this plan sheet alongside the book *The Immortal Henrietta Lacks* in order to cultivate your learning of bioethics and to understand the debate surrounding cell ownership and the responsibility of both doctors and the government in that regard.

For the first five days of this plan, you will have to complete a reading of the book's first part. A suggested reading guide is as follows.

Day 1: Prologue to page 17

Day 2: Pages 18-41

Day 3: Pages 42-62

Day 4: Pages 63-76

Day 5: Pages 77-83

Note: You may adjust this reading guide to your benefit, but some questions require knowledge of sections based on this plan.

Questions

Answer the following questions **on a separate sheet of paper**. They will all be due upon your return. Again, there will be a suggested guide to them, but you may adjust to your own benefit. You must write out all answers in complete sentences to earn credit.

Day 1

1. Do you think of your body as your own property? Why or why not?
2. What is a cell? What are their functions?
3. What is the significance of Henrietta Lacks' race as a black woman in the south during the time of her life?
4. Since a tumor isn't a normal growth on one's body, should it be considered as part of it? Why or why not?

Day 2

1. What is the meaning of the word "bioethics?"
2. Which is more important in normal life: individual rights or the welfare of the majority? Explain your answer in at least four sentences.
3. Similarly, which is more important in a national emergency: individual rights or the welfare of the majority? Explain your answer in at least four sentences.

Day 3

1. How can science sometimes conflict with the law or morality? Look up an example of science or scientists using complicated or morally questionable ethics and explain what their logic was at the time of their work. Then, explain whether you agree with what said scientist, researcher, or group did. This answer should be at least six sentences.
2. According to the book, why were many Americans skeptical of cell science and “immortality” research in the early 20th century?

Day 4

1. Rebecca Skloot is an investigative journalist who spends a lot of time researching and travelling for her story. She also has to get very involved with the Lacks family itself, which causes conflict in both her personal and professional life. So far in the story, has Rebecca Skloot done anything wrong, or do you agree with her style of aggressive reporting? Explain your position. Four sentences.
2. Knowing now that HeLa cells have been a massive boon to researchers, should anything be done by the government of America for the family of Henrietta Lacks? Explain your answer.

Day 5

1. In your opinion, was Henrietta’s life a good one? Cite **two quotes** from the text in order to define the quality of her life and her family.
2. After reading through the first part of the book, has your feelings on hospitals or the healthcare industry in America changed? Explain why or why not. 4 sentences.

Week 2- Reading/Vocab Week:

During this week, students will direct their own learning by continuing their reading of the novel and by doing a vocabulary assignment.

Please finish the second part of the book, reading up to page 179.

Vocab 41- <http://nms.org/Portals/0/docs/satvocab/Lesson-41.pdf>

(Choose 20 of the 25 sentences and write out a sentence containing the word and using it correctly).

Week 3: Discussion Article

This week, students will read an article and prepare responses to it using discussion questions for a future (hopefully in person) class roundtable. Students do not have to submit these questions.

Link: <https://www.cnn.com/2015/01/07/justice/connecticut-teen-chemo/index.html>

Questions:

- 1) Is Cassandra C a victim of the court, or is she being saved by it?
- 2) Is there any reason why someone would not want to undergo chemotherapy treatment?
- 3) How much control should minors have over their own bodies? Is there an age before adulthood where they should have full rights to their medical treatment?
- 4) Why would someone refuse a standard medical treatment other than for reasons of personal desire? (ie. social or religious factors).
- 5) Are Henrietta and Cassandra similar in any way? Are they different?

Week 4: AP Exam Prep + Reading Extension

This week, Mr. Cordle has unlocked 3 practice essays for students to take on the AP website. These three essays will help students who are taking the exam to hone their skills in this time. These essays are not required, but Mr. Cordle will grade them for students who wish to evaluate their own progress.

Link: <https://myap.collegeboard.org/login>

Mr. Cordle also asks **that all students finish the novel**, in the light of the extension of our remote learning time.