

**Chapter One: The Exam**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comprehension Questions** (Please try to answer in complete sentences. Please try to put your answers in your own words.)

1. Why does Sadie think Henrietta hesitated before seeing a doctor? What is the evidence for your answer from the text?
2. What did Henrietta's local doctor think was the reason for the lump on Henrietta's cervix? Was he correct? What is the evidence for your answer from the text?
3. Why did David Lacks take Henrietta to the public wards at Johns Hopkins instead of a closer hospital? What is the evidence for your answer from the text?

**(Over. There is more on the back. Yay!)**

4. Review the information that Dr. Howard Jones found in Henrietta's file. Use this chart to record it.

| Topic                                   | What the Text Says |
|---|--------------------|
| Education                               |                    |
| Family                                  |                    |
| Health                                  |                    |
| Worries                                 |                    |
| Knowledge About the Big World           |                    |
| Relationship with Doctors and Hospitals |                    |

5. Based on the details you found, what can you **infer** (figure out) about Henrietta in each of the following areas?
- a) If you met her, what would your **first impression** be? What evidence from the chart or the book supports your answer?
  
  - b) How **resilient** was Henrietta? (*Resilience is the ability to push through obstacles, to find ways to succeed, to get through hard things and still come out ok.*) What evidence from the chart or the book supports your answer?
6. At the end of the chapter, Dr. Howard Jones writes out his notes from the exam. What did he find “interesting”? What does this suggest about Henrietta’s cancer?

**Final Reflection Question** (Please answer in complete sentences, using paragraphs.)

Write a note to Henrietta Lacks. What thoughts would you like to share with her? What questions do you have for her? What advice would you give her?