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Biology open lab

1. First indicate the effect of voices heard in describing the historical events. Did they move you in any way?
* The voices indicate importance in a humorous manner, honestly when I started listening to the radio article I did not feel any type of emotions towards the situations.
1. There’s a controversy over the ownership of the cells.
* To me there was no controversy because the hospital signed the contract with the scientist to research any cells that comes to the hospital. The family members did not know about the situation until 25 years later so I don’t think Henrietta children wanted any part of this, in fact, they did not understand full about the whole situation.
1. Do you think it was appropriate to take cells from a biopsy for personal research without consent?
* Yes I think it was very inappropriate even though the lab assistance was doing her job she should have considered that this was an actual person and even if the person is dead it’s not right to take something from the corpse without consulting with the family members. I think showed little respect about the person’s body and especially to the family members.
1. Do you think it was ethical for the lab assistant to go into the morgue to retrieve MORE cells from the corpse without the family’s consent?
* As said earlier the lab assistant have no morals at all because she knew it was not right to bother a dead body for cells without notifying an of the family members to inform them of what is happening
1. Do you feel Henrietta’s economical status factored into the removal of her cells for such purposes without consent?
* I believed if they had notified a family member they would profit off the cells considering that her economical background was not
1. Do you feel Henrietta’s racial background factored into the removal of her cells for such purposes without consent?
* No not really I don’t this the racial background have anything to do with it. I believe this can happen to anyone due to selfishness and hunger for recognition.
1. Henrietta’s cells were freely passed along around the world. It is said that she is immortal because of this. Because John’s Hopkins did not make any money and aided greatly to the fields of Science and Medicine, do you feel that they are obligated to provide compensation to the Lacks family?
* I do believe the family should be rewarded because John Hopkins was very disrespectful for sending his lab assistance to the corpse to retrieve more cell samples. Which he then distribute it world wild. It is also very sad to hear the daughter speak of her mother, when the reports interviewed her she was very clue less of what was happening and why after all these years they would come back to search for the family.
* After that no one took the time to explain fully, what was happening and why was it so necessary for her mother’s cell to distribute all over the world. I think they should sue the sat hospital who gave the cell to john Hopkins because Henrietta did not sign any documents, that state it was ok distribute any part of her body. A hospital should be strictly confidential when it comes on to their patient’s information. This is a definite violation to Henrietta and everyone who cared for her.
1. Read through the following [article about hairy cell leukemia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moore_v._Regents_of_the_University_of_California). In this case, the [University](http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/seto-bio1lc/assignments/assignment-3-the-immortal-life-of-henrietta-lacks/) of California and David Golde received money from the sale of the cells derived from this biopsy. Is this fair independent of the outcome of the court case?
* I think the court decision is fear because Moore does deserver a legal say over his own organ surgeon totally violated his rights and decisions towards his organ. Even though Moore did not sign any legal document saying he wanted his organ to be cremated; he sure did not sign anything that give the doctor the right to make money off the organ.