Choose one question per chapter to respond with a paragraph. Be sure to include a claim, evidence, and commentary.

Chapter One:

1. What did Henrietta’s first doctor assume the source of the lump on Henrietta’s cervix was? What stereotype or bias might this assumption be based on?
2. Why did David Lacks take Henrietta to the public wards at Johns Hopkins instead of a closer hospital?
3. Based on her medical chart, how would you describe Henrietta’s feelings about doctors?

Chapter Two:

1. What are the connotations of the term “home-house?” What does this term suggest about the values of the Lacks family?
2. Skloot uses vivid imagery and details to describe Henrietta’s childhood in Clover. Locate a passage that you found particularly effective or memorable, and explain why you selected it.
3. Compare the medical terms describing Elsie’s condition with the terms used by Henrietta’s friends and family. What are the connotations of the two sets of terms?