**Writing Project IA: Part 1 of 5 (40 points) // Chapters 1-8 *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***

# Name Gage Farmer

**Part I. Short answers (2 point each)**

1. Explain Elsie’s behavior.

Elsie acted this way because she was mentally retarded.

1. Henrietta said she would not have had the radium treatment for her cervical cancer if she’d know what?

That it would cause her to be infertile

1. What effect did Carrell’s work have on the public’s opinion of scientific research by 1951?

It had tarnished it, and make it a thing of racism, creepy science fiction, Nazis, and snake oil(?).

1. What was Henrietta’s education level?

Her education level was that of a 6th grader

1. In what city and state did Henrietta grow up?

Roanoke, Virgnia

1. The home house in which Henrietta grew up was once what?

Lacks tobacco farm, or Lack town.

1. Why did Henrietta “choose” Johns Hopkins for her treatment?

Because it was the only major hospital that would treat blacks.

1. What procedure is used to diagnose a carcinoma in situ?

They didn’t treat it at all

1. What procedure did TeLinde advocate to minimize?

Undertreating carcinoma in situ

1. What was George Gey the head of?

He is head of tissue culture research

**BONUS:** Why did Gey hire Mary?

Because of her impressive dexterity

# Part II: Short Essay (10 points/each)

* 1. a) What does Gey and Skloot mean by “immortal human cells”? b) Compare what happened to her cancer cells to what happened to her normal cells in Gey’s lab.

Gey and Skloot meant that the cells he had would not die under normal conditions, rather they would just multiply in number. The big difference between these immortal cancer cells and her normal healthy cells was that the healthy ones died within a day, and these just continued to multiply in number.

* 1. In Chapter 5, the author spends a lot of time telling you specific personal details about “Hennie.” Recount these details in your own words.

The author says how she was supposedly a very beautiful woman, how she enjoyed keeping her nails very clean, and how she and Sadie would sneak out to clubs all the time. He also told about her daughter Elsie and how much Hennie loved her and her other kids, as well as