

# The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Cut along the dashed lines and pass the cards around the table.

## WARM-UP

1

What snack, blanket, or comfort did you reach for while reading this one? It can get heavy, so how did you take care of yourself with it?

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2

Was there a small moment in the early chapters that made you smile, soften, or want to hug someone? Tell us about it.

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## DISCUSSION

3

Henrietta is remembered through her family's stories and photos. What is a story or object in your own family that keeps someone you love close?

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4

Skloot becomes very tangled up with the Lacks family. Have you ever had a friendship form in an unexpected place that ended up meaning a lot to you?

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5

Faith and science sit side by side in this book. Did reading it shift, soften, or comfort the way you hold either one?

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6

Deborah's longing to know her mother is so tender. When you think about someone you have lost or never met, what would you most want to know about them?

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## DEEP

7

Without spoiling anything, what passage left you sitting quietly for a minute? What about it stayed with you?

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8

The book asks us what we owe each other, in medicine and in life. After finishing it, what does 'taking care of people' feel like to you now?

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