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Explains Multiple Big Ideas At Once

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Hidden Figures

Central IDEA: In the USA, discrimination was incredibly widespread.

Our Book

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Henrietta's cells greatly contributed to the sciences, since having a reliable source of cells enabled scientists to conduct research. Science This steady supply of usable cells at a low cost allowed for the development of vaccines and medicines.

Family is a key part of Henrietta's story. This book is a journey - it details its own creation. Family We get lots of exposure to this idea since Skloot is constantly interviewing Henrietta's relatives, establishing a sense of connectedness and familial love.

This book also explores medical ethics, particularly informed consent. Henrietta's cells were taken without her knowing, Ethics resulting in dire consequences for her and a huge advantage for the medical industry.