

# JURASSIC PARK

## ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Directions: Consider the pros and cons of each of the following situations. Think about your response and be ready to explain your choices during class discussion.

### Situation #1

In the grocery store you come across a new product, milk that doesn't need to be refrigerated. On the box it says "shelf stable!" and "Refrigerate after opening." You've never seen it before, so you check the fine print. It turns out that this is cow's milk that has been irradiated with ultraviolet light. It will stay fresh on a shelf for about 6 months if it's not opened.

Would you buy irradiated milk for yourself? Would you give it to children?

No way!	Probably not	Probably	Yes
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### Situation #2

You and some friends are eating at a restaurant, and you notice that the rice isn't white; it's kind of yellow or orange. The waiter tells you it's called "golden rice," and it's genetically modified to provide more nutrition than ordinary white rice.

Would you eat genetically modified rice? What about other genetically modified foods?

No way!	Probably not	Probably	Yes
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### Situation #3

You (or your wife) have gone in for a prenatal checkup, and the doctor has bad news. The ultrasound reveals that the baby (it's a girl!) has *spina bifida*, a birth defect in which the spine doesn't close up correctly as the baby is developing. If it is not treated, the baby will be paralyzed from the opening down. She will never be able to walk or control her bowels or bladder.

It is possible to treat this condition surgically before the baby is born. The surgery poses some risks to both the mother and the baby, but if it is successful, the little girl will grow up normally. If it fails, it is possible (though unlikely) that the baby and/or the mother could die.

Would you go ahead with this procedure?

No way!	Probably not	Probably	Yes
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Situation #4

Your son has been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia and probably only has a couple of years to live. The drugs that treat it buy him some time, but the side effects are robbing your little boy of quality of life. The doctor said that a stem cell transplant could probably save him, so you and your wife both went for tests. The doctor's office just called to say that neither of you is a close enough match. The nurse asked if a brother or sister could be tested, but your son is your only child.

Your son is your only child - *so far*. The best source of the stem cells your son needs is from a compatible donor's umbilical cord. Would you have another baby just to get the stem cells your son needs?

No way!	Probably not	Probably	Yes
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Situation #5

Your doctor runs a standard prenatal test. The results indicate that your unborn child has severe Down Syndrome, a condition that results in developmental delays. Down Syndrome children need a great deal of extra attention and support. Your doctor thinks that your child will probably never speak and will always need to wear diapers.

Will you terminate the pregnancy?

No way!	Probably not	Probably	Yes
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