Unit 9 – Biotechnology Vocabulary and Key Questions

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- restriction enzyme
- gel electrophoresis
- genomic imprinting
- selective breeding
- biotechnology
- hybridization

- inbreeding
- polymerase chain reaction
- recombinant DNA
- plasmid
- genetic marker

- transgenic
- clone
- gene therapy
- DNA fingerprinting
- forensics

- ✓ How can scientists read DNA base sequences?
- ✓ What research efforts have resulted from the Human Genome Project?
- ✓ What is selective breeding used for?
- ✓ How do people increase genetic variation?
- ✓ How do scientists copy the DNA of living organisms?
- ✓ How is recombinant DNA used?
- ✓ How are transgenic organisms produced?
- ✓ How can genetic engineering benefit agriculture and industry?
- ✓ How can biotechnology improve human health?
- ✓ How is DNA used to identify individuals?
- ✓ What privacy issues does biotechnology raise?
- ✓ What are some of the pros and cons of transgenic organisms?
- ✓ What are some of the ethical issues around new biotechnology?