## **Teacher Instructions:**

## Problem Scenario:

"More of the Same..."

## The Main Problem:

Your students will be viewing this problem from an integrated perspective.



You are wealthy businessman looking to invest in a new technology. A large research company wants your support (and money) to provide a service where it will **clone family pets** for a fee. What are the issues that need to be considered, and do you feel that it is a sound investment?

## Are people willing to clone their pets?

Students will review the technology of cloning, and decide whether the cloning of family pets is a good business venture.

Stimulus Item #1 — "The Issues of Pet Cloning" (news report)

Stimulus Item #3— "Britain's First Cloned Dog" (current event)







\*\*\*students should have access to their notes as they enter their answers

\*\*\*students may also have access to the Stimulus Items as they enter their answers



\*\*Students should take notes as they review the Stimulus Items

Stimulus Item #2— "Pet Cloning Basics" (article)

Lead a **class discussion** about issues related to the topic. You are being provided a sheet to help you guide the classroom discussion.

**Extended Responses:** Have students answer the following questions. Remind students to use information from the Stimulus Items to support their response.

- 1. Why might people be excited about the prospect of cloning their family pet? What are concerns that might arise from the new technology?
- 2. Do you think the cloning of pets will be a profitable industry? Is it an area where you would want to invest? Why or why not?

**EXTENDED PRODUCT (Optional)**: Have your students think about the benefits and concerns that arise if a new company offers a service to clone family pets. Your students must then write two **cover letters for petitions** that focus on both sides of the issue. The first petition will be to garner support to allow a company to offer its cloning service. The cover letter must explain why residents should support this and how it will be beneficial. The second petition should be to stop a company from offering cloning services. This cover letter should convince residents that the practice is immoral or may have dire consequences.

Rubrics to grade student entries have been provided, and all questions have been mapped to the content standards.

