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**DIRECTIONS:** Read "Jewel Plummer Cobb." Then answer the following questions using details from the reading.

1. Read the sentence from the passage.

***"However, she was forced to attend a less academically rigorous high school due to segregation."***

What does this sentence tell the reader?

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***"Though she began as a cellular biologist, she eventually transitioned into working as an educator and administrator, in an effort to bring more women and people of color into the sciences."***

- Jewel then applied to for graduate school at New York University, but was rejected because of her race.
- She produced research still used to create new and more effective cancer fighting tools.
- She created and modeled programs to make sure that women and minorities would have access to a positions that were traditionally held by white males.
- Dr. Cobb became the first African-American female president of a college west of the Mississippi River.

3. Why did Jewel leave the University of Michigan to go to Talladega College?

- Talladega College offered the extra biology courses that Jewel wanted to take.
- The University of Michigan did not allow black students to live in the same dorms as white students.
- The University of Michigan rejected Jewel because of the color of her skin.
- Talladega College historically did not accept black students, but made an exception for Jewel.

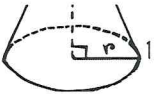
4. Highlight one sentence in the passage that you think best supports the idea that Jewel's determination and talent helped her overcome the discrimination she faced.

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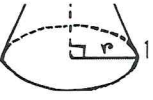
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