DNA Technology Worksheet

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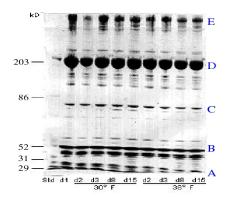
1. What is the appearance of the bands? Are they clear and defined or blurred and indistinguishable?

2. Which of the labeled bands (A, B, C, etc.) contain the smallest DNA fragments?

3. Which of the labeled bands (A, B, C, etc.) contain the largest DNA fragments?

4. What is the size of the fragments labeled 'B? **

5. Did all of these samples come from the same DNA source? ** How do you know?



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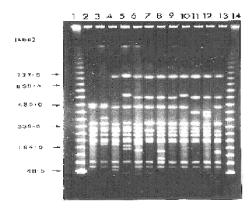
6. Lane 1 & 14 are called a standards. What do you notice about the bands produced by the standard?

7. A standard consists of DNA fragments that scientists KNOW the lengths of. Why is it important to have a standard?

8. Did all of these samples come from the same DNA source? **

How do you know?

9. Look at the DNA 'fingerprints'. Did ANY of the samples come from the same individual? ** How do you know? **



10. Name two situations when DNA fingerprints are useful. **

11. How does the DNA migrate from one end of the gel to the other? **

12. What cuts up the DNA into tiny fragments? **

Continue analyzing DNA profiles on the following page.