BIOTECH STOCKS ARE HOT!!! BUY NOW!!!

To complete this activity, you will need some background knowledge of stock markets and what it means to ‘trade’ equities.

In this lesson students will be given $50,000 of (IMAGINARY) funds to invest in the biotechnology companies of their choice. Based on your research, you will select the stock(s) that they predict will be most successful over a 12 week period of time.

• Take a few minutes to research the companies of your choice on the internet, finding out what products they make, services they provide, and how they might influence different populations. A few sample websites:

  * Pfizer: [www.pfizer.com](http://www.pfizer.com)
  * Monsanto: [www.monsanto.com](http://www.monsanto.com)
  * Enzon Pharmaceuticals: [www.enzon.com](http://www.enzon.com)
  * Human Genome Sciences: [www.hgsi.com](http://www.hgsi.com)

• Select one to five biotech stocks to invest the $50,000 in. Some things to consider may be price per share, fast growth vs. slow growth, stock history, growth potential, etc.

• To register your stock selections and to play the game, go to [www.marketwatch.com](http://www.marketwatch.com), select the ‘games’ tab and search for the following game:

  eghsbiotech___________

• The start date of the game is _____________ and the end date is ______________

• The companies below are examples of different types of biotechnology companies, however, you are not limited to this list.

  Abiomed (ABMD)

  Amgen (NASDAQ: AMGN)
Advanced Tissue Repair Sciences (ATIS)
Amgen (NASDAQ: AMGN)
Bio-Rad Laboratories (BIO)
Biomatrix (BMX) Cell Genesys (CEGE)
Cephalon (CEPH)

Chiron (CHIR)
ENZON Pharmaceuticals (ENZN)
Gene Logic (GLGC)
Genzyme (GENZ)
Human Genome Sciences (HGSI)
MedImmune, Inc. (MEDI)
Medtronic (MDT) Merck (MRK)
Monsanto (MON)
Myriad Genetics (MYGN)
Novavax (NVAX)
OSI Pharmaceuticals (OSIP)
Onyx Pharmaceuticals (ONXX)
Phizer (PFE)
Pharmacopeia (PCOP)
Qiagen (NASDAQ: QGEN)
Repligen (NASDAQ: RGEN)
SciClone Pharmaceuticals (SCLN)
Sonus Pharmaceuticals (SNUS)
QUESTIONS

1. What are the characteristics of a perfect stock? What do you consider when making a purchase (products, business practices, ethics, etc)?

2. What is your selected biotech stock/s? How much did each share cost? How many shares did you purchase?

3. Why did you choose your selected stock/s? What do you anticipate happening with them over the next eight weeks?

4. What products/services does your company provide?

5. Will a large percentage of the population want these products/services?

6. What are your personal feelings about the company you invested in? Do you support their services/products? Are they revolutionary?