

Jurassic Park

1 Use these quotes from *Jurassic Park* as debate topics.

- Dr. Malcolm: Don't you see the danger, John, inherent in what you're doing here? Genetic power is the most awesome force the planet's ever seen, but you wield it like a kid that's found his dad's gun.
- Dr. Malcolm: You scientists were so preoccupied with whether they could, they didn't stop to think if they should.
- Dr. Grant: Dinosaurs and man, two species separated by 65 million years of evolution have just been thrown back into the mix together. How can we possibly have the slightest idea what to expect?



1. Do you share Dr. Malcolm's opinion that "Genetic power is the most awesome force the planet's ever seen"? Why/Why not?
2. Have you ever heard of episodes concerning kids finding their dad's gun? If so, with what consequences? Where do you think that may happen more frequently: in Italy or in the USA? Why do you think it is so?
3. Do you think that scientists should reflect not only on what they could do, but also on what they should do? Why/Why not?
4. Should the consequences of scientific experiments be always considered carefully before carrying experiments out? Should limitations be put in scientific experiments? If so, in your opinion, what should such limits concern?



- The film opened on Friday, June 11, 1993, and broke box office records its first weekend, bringing in \$47 million. It eventually went on to make more than \$900 million worldwide. That was enough to surpass Spielberg's *E.T.* to take the record as the biggest hit movie of all time, a record it held for nearly five years, until *Titanic*.
- Even before Spielberg began filming *Jurassic Park*, Universal Studios engineers were at work building *Jurassic Park: The Ride*, an attraction at Universal Studios in Hollywood. Universal has since added an expansive *Jurassic Park* section to its Islands of Adventure theme park in Orlando (Florida).
- The Tyrannosaurus's roars were a combination of dog, penguin, tiger, alligator and elephant sounds.
- In 2005, paleontologist Dr. Mary Schweitzer discovered red blood cells and soft tissue in the fossilized bones of a T. Rex, meaning dinosaur cloning may someday become a reality.

