

## Genetics ★★ ★ 1/2

(2005) 4 videocassettes or discs. 80 min. VHS or DVD: \$299 (teacher's guide included). Visual Learning Company. PPR. Color cover. Closed captioned. ISBN: 1-59234-112-8 (vhs), 1-59234-117-9 (dvd).

Covering major topics outlined in the AAAS Benchmarks for Science Literacy and National Science Education Standards, *Genetics*, aimed at middle school students, is comprised of four 20-minute programs—"Hereditry," "Fundamentals of Genetics," "Genetics in Action," and "Genetics in Our Lives." Each program in this life science series employs animation and live cinematography to explain relevant concepts, and all conclude with a summary and a quiz. The complete kit includes teacher's guides, student activities, and assessment tools (with labeled slides, indexes, and an iMovie project available on the DVD version), and the short programs allow plenty of time for review and classroom discussion. Highly recommended. Aud: I, J. (L. Stevens)