Individual Accountability: Who’s the Father?

Demonstrate your new understanding of genetic analyses and decision making by answering the following questions:

The techniques and analyses described in this exercise are commonly used in court cases and are viewed by the public as the final word or truth. Yet, sometimes these types of analyses don’t tell the whole story and are therefore ambiguous or uninformative. In about five sentences, answer the following questions: Does the general understanding of certainty differ from the scientific or legal understanding of certainty? If so, how? If not, do you think it should? Defend your position.

In your opinion, is DNA testing a good scientific test of paternity? Use examples from today’s activity to support your argument.