

Gattaca Essay Instructions

Take notes on symbolism (For example, the letters of the title are the nitrogen bases) and ways biotechnology (For example, pricking of the finger for a drop of blood to identify you) is being used within the movie.

Essay:

- Paragraph #1: Introduction
- Paragraph #2: Description of symbolism
- Paragraph #3: Biotechnology applications
- Paragraph #4: Could the biotechnology used in the movie be used today? If so, should it? Why or Why not?
- Paragraph #5: Conclusion

Your essay needs to be typed or in black or navy blue ink. No essays in pencil will be accepted.

Essay Rubric

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Introduction	Introduction has an inviting hook, clearly states the thesis and provides important background or setup for the essay.	Introduction clearly states the main topic and provides some good background, but is not particularly inviting to the reader.	Introduction states the thesis, but may be somewhat disorganized, unclear, or not fully developed.	There is no clear introduction of the main topic and/or the structure is very disorganized or lacking.
Content	There is a clear, well-focused topic. Main ideas stand out and are supported by strong, detailed information.	Main ideas are clear, but supporting information at times is too general or lacking additional development.	Main ideas are somewhat clear, and there is a need for more detailed supporting information.	The main ideas are not clear. There is unorganized or under-developed content and information.
Conclusion	Conclusion is strong and leaves readers with a feeling that they understand what the writer means.	Conclusion is recognizable and ties up almost all the loose ends.	Conclusion is recognizable, but does not fully tie up all the loose ends.	There is no clear conclusion; the paper just ends.
Grammar & Spelling	Writer makes almost no errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling that would distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes a couple errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling that distracts the reader from the content.	Writer makes several serious errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes so many errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling that it seriously distracts the reader from the content.