

## Designer Babies DBQ

Name:

DBQ stands for *Document Based Question*.

Our question is: **Should genetically modified human beings be allowed?**

Our documents are: a selection of news articles and a TED Talk video.

We will collect information and hear opinions so that we can form our own opinions and write a short essay.

The Essay:

- Your answer to the question ***Should genetically modified human beings be allowed?*** is explained with:
  - Clear reasons and arguments
  - Specific details that include information **from at least two of the class documents** -- the video and/or articles.
- Your essay has a lead/opening/beginning that hooks your reader.
- Your essay has a powerful ending that pulls the writing together.
- Your sources are cited.
- 500 - 1000 words (2 - 4 pages, 12 pt font, double-spaced)

Assessed on the learning targets: *I can write argument text* and *I can conduct effective research*

Goals:

1. Explore a complex ethical question
2. Practice nonfiction reading and research skills
3. Practice research-based opinion writing

**Due date: The essay is due at the end of class on Wednesday, January 16.**