

GATTACA Assignment

Name _____

DUE DATE: _____

Listen for the following quotes, (both are in the first 20 minutes or so of the video.) For each one listed below: summarize what this quote means, its importance to the video, and how it might relate to today's world.

- 1) "It was the one moment in our lives that my brother was not as strong as he believed and I was not as weak. It was the moment that made everything else possible."

-Vincent, swimming with his brother Anton

Response: _____

- 2) "I belonged to a new underclass, no longer determined by social status or the color of your skin color. We now have discrimination down to a science."

-Vincent

Response: _____

- 3) **GATTACA shows a world not so different than our own and presents some thought-provoking ideas. Select one of the two ideas to write a persuasive writing piece about.**

Ideas for the response:

1. Should people be able to select genetic traits that they want to pass on to their kids?
2. Should the flaws in our genes (possible limitations) be shared with our employers or insurance companies?

Persuasive Essay Format (think like it's English class)...for use in the GATTACA response!

- a. Take a position on either side
- b. Brainstorm alternative opinions and viewpoints
- c. Show how your opinion is more logical; explain why it makes more sense

Specifics:

- *Write your response on the back or a separate sheet of paper.
- *Length should be 3+ solid paragraphs & include concrete details from the film.

Persuasive Essay based on the GATTACA film: (prompt on the front side of paper)

Blank lined paper for writing an essay.