

GATTACA

Due _____

Give answers in complete sentences that are clear, concise and coherent.

Describing his society, Vincent says in the film:

"They used to say that a child conceived in love has a greater chance of happiness.

They don't say that any more.

We now have discrimination down to a science."

How is the social reality portrayed by the film affected by this emphasis in genetics?

What types of discrimination do we see?

What do you think happened to the legal structure to make this reality possible?

What human or civic rights have disappeared in the society we see in this film?

How do you understand "genoism?"

Think about this quote from James Watson -- Nobel Prize Winner and developer of the Human Genome Project:

*"We used to think our future was in the stars.
Now we know it is in our genes."*

Think about this statement and discuss the use of the word "stars". How was this theme and quote portrayed in the film? Give literal examples as well as figurative examples.

Extra Credit: TYPE a one page goodbye letter where you are Vincent (Jerome) explaining to Anton your brother of how you have decided to live your life, why you had to change and what you believe is moral, good and just. Make it seem real. Don't be corny. A minimum of 12pt font, double spaced, 1 inch margins.