

# RESC 098 TECHNOLOGY EQUALS PROGRESS?

## Week 6 assignments

Read Stellan Welin's article "Reproductive Ectogenesis" and watch the film "Gattaca."

### Writing Assignment 6A:

Welin states that while research in reproductive ectogenesis is unlikely because of ethical objections, the 'therapeutical imperative' will allow it to become a reality. In paragraph 1, explain Welin's argument for the inevitability of reproductive ectogenesis. In paragraph 2, explore Welin's claim and present a case either in support or opposition. Use one quotation from the article.

### Writing Assignment 6B:

The film "Gattaca" portrays a society that embraces the power of technological advancement. Scientific knowledge is used to instill a deterministic outlook in which humans with superior genes are provided greater opportunities. Which of the story's elements most strongly persuades the viewer that such a scenario portrays a possible future for our society? Using two paragraphs, present your argument. Use one quotation or paraphrase from any of our recent TED talks.

Use the template containing the rubric and limit each response to 500 words or fewer. Print each assignment on a separate page and bring a hard copy to Tuesday's class.

### Journal Entry 6:

Before Wednesday midnight, explore the scenario presented in Welin's "Reproductive Ectogenesis." Why do you suppose the author chose a style of writing that examines a specific scenario to convey his point? Reflect on what you believe to be the key point; also comment on whether the article was effective in making its point.

Finally, include a question that can be the basis for a class discussion.