

Gattaca (USA 1997)

Key

Genoism

A. The gene test		<i>Fill out the two pieces of missing information from Vincent's gene test</i>	
Neurological condition	60% probability	Manic depression	42% probability
Attention deficit disorder	89% probability	Heart disorder	99% probability
Life expectancy	30.2 years		

B. Designer babies		<i>Which of the following tests did the parents want done on their second child?</i>	
Hair colour	Dark	Eye colour	Hazel
Skin colour	Fair	Gender	Boy
Obesity (overweight)	No	Myopia (short-sighted)	No
Alcoholism	No	Susceptibility to addiction	No
Premature baldness	No	Major inheritable diseases	Yes

C. Illegally gaining a DNA sample	D. Discrimination
<i>How can DNA be gained without asking?</i>	<i>How has Vincent suffered DNA discrimination?</i>
1. From a door handle	1. School (insurance doesn't cover his risk)
2. From a handshake	2. Space (better DNA elsewhere)
3. From the saliva on an envelope	
4. From a test for drugs	

E. Questions: <i>Answer the following questions.</i>	
<i>What is genoism?</i>	Discrimination due to your DNA.
<i>Which psychological effect did the gene test have on the brothers?</i>	Due to his DNA Anton thought he was stronger, braver, better than Vincent. Due to his DNA Vincent was treated like an ill child. It gave Anton more confidence.
<i>Why didn't Vincent's father call him Anton?</i>	Because he wanted to give his name to a strong, healthy, long-living son.
<i>Which event changed Vincent's life? Why?</i>	His brother was for once weaker than him. He realised other things were just as important as DNA or his test was wrong.