**Gene Therapy Assignment**

*Skills: Communicating, Evaluating*

**Part 1** (2 Classes): Alone or with a partner research the following:

1. What is Gene Therapy? Brief Description.
2. What can Gene Therapy be used for?
3. Brief description of the two types of Gene therapy
4. Vectors used
5. Successful cases of Gene Therapy
6. Problems with gene therapy
7. Sources cited. Links are fine.

**Part 2:** Individually, write a paragraph evaluating ONE of the following ethical issues surrounding gene therapy.

* How could the widespread use of gene therapy make society less accepting of people who are different?

OR

* Should people be allowed to use gene therapy to enhance basic human traits such as height, intelligence, or athletic ability? Why or why not?
* Will the high costs of gene therapy make it available only to the wealthy?
* How can “good” and “bad” uses of these technologies be distinguished?
* Who decides which traits are normal and which constitute a disability or disorder?