



Emerging | Exemplar Essay

Frankenstein and Bill Nye

Cloning



Claim and Focus

The essay offers overly general facts as a claim ("I came to the conclusion that granting our health isn't worth trading away our humanity"). The essay briefly summarizes the two sources ("Victor in Frankenstein is using corpses to create life") but does not address the demands of the prompt.



Analysis and Evidence

The essay does not use evidence from the texts for the purposes of analysis ("They look at it as if the stem cells which come from fetuses aren't any different than the people they'd help"), but instead includes a brief summary of the sources ("Victor in Frankenstein is using corpses to create life"). The essay does not focus on the rhetorical features of the texts.



Organization

There are no transitions to make relationships between and among ideas clear. While the essay is split into two distinct paragraphs, the essay's analysis is unclear ("The answer is somewhere in the middle") due to the lack of an organizational structure with a purposeful introduction and conclusion.



Language and Style

The essay does not maintain a formal style ("He obviously has no problem with it"), and it uses little variety in sentence structure. While domain-specific in some areas ("genetic modification" and "genetic engineering"), language choices overall are general. The essay contains errors that may interfere with meaning ("I come to the conclusion that granting our health isnt worth trading away are humanity").



Using Exemplars in Your Lessons

Exemplar essays are tools to take abstract descriptions and make them more concrete for students. One way to use them is to print the clean copies of the essays and allow students to use the rubric to make notes or even find examples of important elements of an essay - thesis statements, introductions, evidence, conclusions, transitions, etc. Teachers can also use exemplars to illustrate what each score point within a trait 'looks like' in an authentic student essay. For additional ideas, please see "25 Ways to Use Exemplar Essays" by visiting the Curriculum Resources page in Help.

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Notes

In these two sources they discuss the idea of cloning, and genetic modification. These topics dont provide people with any easy answers. Im that one American citizen that is in the middle of the idea of genetic engineering because I come to the conclusion that granting our health isnt worth trading away are humanity.

Victor in Frankenstein is using corpses to create life. He obviously has no problem with it. He doesnt seem to consider the other side. Like the people in the Bill Nye video they look at it as if the stem cells which come from fetus arent any different than the people they help, like with diabetes. The answer is somewhere in the middle.