

BioEthics Essay

ethics: moral principles that govern a person's or group's behavior; the moral correctness of specified conduct. **bioethics:** the ethics of medical and biological research.

PROMPT: Research a current bioethical issue online to find **at least two articles** on the issue. Write a two- to three-page formal response in which you take a stance on the issue. Your thesis statement should clearly define your stance on the subject. In your response, refer to *Frankenstein* first in the introduction as a thematic “hook” and then again in the conclusion to help drive home your argument. You must include **at least two quotes from each article** as well as **at least one quote from the novel**, and you need to cite each quote properly. Include a separate, properly formatted Works Cited page.

POTENTIAL BIOETHICAL ISSUES:

human cloning	genetically modified food (GMO)
organ donation	surrogacy
human genetic engineering	cryonics
genetic screening	stem cell research
lobotomy	euthanasia

ORGANIZATION:

- **Introduction:** Begin with an attention-grabbing statement on bioethical issues by referring to the novel *Frankenstein*. Then briefly detail the basic argument surrounding the bioethical issue on which you are writing. End with a thesis that establishes your viewpoint on this issue.
- **Body Paragraphs:** Begin each body paragraph with a topic sentence that offers an insight that supports your position. Then provide details and examples that support that insight. Remember that one way to make an argument is to explain the opposing side’s argument and then prove why that point is incorrect. (Do not refer to *Frankenstein* in the body paragraphs.)
- **Conclusion:** Restate points that you made in your essay, and explain what action society should take on this bioethical issue. Include another reference to *Frankenstein* in conclusion.

CRITERIA

- Follow the MLA format.
- Make sure your essay has a unique title.
- Include a Works Cited page at the end of the essay. (You may use Noodletools)
- Cite sources parenthetically using the last name of the author, or **one unique word** from the title of the article in quotes. (Jones 13) or (“Science” 13)
- If the on-line article does not have any pages numbers, then cite the author or title only. However, if you include the author’s name in the sentence, then you do not need to cite the name again at the end of the sentence.
- Review past essay topics’ reminders, and review teacher comments on past essays.