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| Category | Points |
| Technicality   * No spelling errors. * Well-formed sentences, paragraphs, and transitions. * Essay is easy to read and the content is well-thought and planned. * Essay is typed, 1.5 spaced, and at least two pages. | 50 |
| Research   * Student cites at least three separate and valid sources of research. * Student clearly summarizes different stances on stem cell research. * Paper contains an introductory paragraph and at least three informative paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph. * Paper uses in-text citations. * Student utilizes evidence from outside sources and cites any outside sources according to [MLA format.](http://citationmachine.net/index2.php?reqstyleid=1&newstyle=1&stylebox=1) | 50 |
| TOTAL | 100 |

Strand: Writing

Project description:

Write an at least two page paper that summarizes stem cell research. You can use sources that are both for and against stem cell research. Your paper must have a Works Cited page!

A couple of questions you can use to begin brainstorming your paper:

* What are stem cells? Why are they so important to science?
* How could stem cells be used?
* What do people who are for stem cell research say the benefits are?
* What do people who are against stem cell research say the consequences are?
* How has this debate affected politics in the USA and Tennessee?
* What are the stem cell laws today?