

Improving Humanity

être humain et la nature – Eugenics: The social movement to “improve” society by encouraging or discouraging people to have babies. Eugenics promoted reproduction by people or groups with “positive” qualities and discouraged or sometimes stopped reproduction by groups with “negative” qualities.

	Should humans try to improve humanity?
At the end of the Unit, I will	
What vocabulary will I need ?	Genetics & Reproduction Human Enhancement & Technology Ethics & Society Eugenics & Social Control Expressing an Opinion
What grammatical structure will I need ?	- conditionnel - modaux - voie passive
What documents will be used ?	1- Imagining the Perfect Human 1a- Clones R us, Steamy Raymond, 15 April 2008 1b- Bokanovskification, Aldous Leonard Huxley, <i>Brave New World</i>, 1931, illustration 1c- Natural vs normalized conceptions, Movie script, Andrew Niccol, <i>Gattaca</i>, 1997 2- Conceived with a purpose 2a- Created to Save Lives Kazuo Ishiguro's famous sci-fi novel <i>Never Let Me Go</i>. 2b- A Child Donor, Jodi Picoult, <i>My sister's keeper</i>, 2004 3- Enhancing mankind 3a- Man given Musk's Neuralink brain chip in UK trial says it 'feels magical' and gives new hope Tom Clarke, <i>news.sky.com</i>, Thursday 29 January 2026 3b- How close are we to uploading our minds? - Michael S.A. Graziano 3c- Beyond human limits: the ethical, social, and regulatory implications of human enhancement - Chiara Gerardi, Christodoulos Xinaris, <i>frontiersin.org</i>, 09 July 2025 4- The dark history of Eugenics 4a- Born a Crime, Trevor Noah, <i>Born a Crime, chapter 2</i>, 4b- Half – castes, Doris Pilkington Garimar, <i>Rabbit Proof-Fence, chap 5</i>, 1996 4c- Creating the Perfect Caste System, Aldous Leonard Huxley, <i>Brave New World</i>, chap 1, 1931
What will I learn ?	How the idea of enhancing mankind is not new that has been triggered for some dark reasons How it could be done and what it could lead to
Final Task	Should humans try to improve humanity? Discuss the arguments for and against human enhancement.

Instructions for your Final Project :

1. You will have one full hour to answer the question.
2. You will be allowed to use bullet-point notes (maximum 10 points, handwritten only).
3. You will need to use at least three examples from the unit and justify your choices.
4. You will need to introduce at least one new argument to support your opinion.
5. You will need to present clear arguments both in favour of and against improving humanity.