Where'd You Get Those Genes? Discussion Rubric

4	3	2	1
-	J	_	•
Engagement While listening to a discussion, I think about how other students' comments relate to my knowledge and experiences. I always expect to learn something from a discussion. I like to hear what my classmates have to say about a topic. As I listen to a discussion, I analyze and evaluate other people's comments on a subject before I make up my mind. When I am not talking, I show I am interested in the discussion through appropriate body language, such as eye contact, smiling, and nodding.	During a discussion, I think about what everyone is saying. I always expect to enjoy a discussion. I usually like to hear what my classmates have to say about a topic. During a discussion, I think about whether I agree or disagree with people's comments and why. I show that I am interested in the discussion.	During a discussion, my mind sometimes wanders and thinks about other things. I sometimes think I will enjoy a discussion. I sometimes like to hear what my classmates have to say about a topic. I sometimes think about whether I agree or disagree with people's comments. I sometimes show that I am interested in a discussion, but sometimes I look like I am not paying attention.	During class discussions, I am usually thinking about something else. I usually think discussions will be boring and a waste of time. I do not usually like to hear what my classmates have to say about a topic. I rarely think about whether I agree or disagree with my classmates' comments. My body language usually shows that I am not interested in the discussion.
Interaction			
I look for opportunities in the discussion to appropriately share my personal experiences, beliefs, and opinions, and think about what I am going to say before I speak.	I often share my personal experiences, beliefs, and opinions in a discussion. My comments during a discussion connect to what others have said.	If encouraged, I share my personal experiences, beliefs, and opinions in a discussion. My comments usually connect to what others are saying, but I	I rarely speak during a discussion. Sometimes when I speak, my comments are clearly not on the topic. I seldom make comments on what
I use good reasons to support my opinions and explain	I often comment on what others	occasionally make comments that are kind of off the topic.	others have said, unless it is to say that they are

where my information comes from. My comments during a discussion build on what others have said. I summarize and add to others' ideas. When appropriate, I ask my classmates to explain more about what they have said.	have said. I often ask questions of my classmates.	I occasionally comment on what others have said. I ask some questions of my classmates.	wrong. I rarely ask questions of my classmates.
Collaboration			
I speak when I have something significant to add, but I am careful not to monopolize the discussion. I encourage all members of my class to participate by asking questions. I disagree respectfully by looking for areas of agreement, if possible. I actively and enthusiastically show my appreciation for the good comments made by my classmates. I carefully follow the rules for a discussion established by my class. I carefully consider respectful, intelligent criticism of my ideas	I speak when I think I have something important to say, but I try not to speak too much. I often encourage my classmates to participate by asking them questions. I disagree respectfully. I show my appreciation for good comments made by my classmates. I follow the discussion rules established by my class. I accept respectful, intelligent criticism of my ideas.	I sometimes do not speak at all, while other times, I talk too much during a discussion. I seldom encourage my classmates to participate. I usually disagree respectfully, but I get angry sometimes and act disrespectfully. I usually follow the discussion rules established by my class, but I forget sometimes. I usually accept criticism of my ideas, but sometimes I get angry when people disagree with me.	I do not speak at all during discussions. OR I talk all the time and do not give others a chance to contribute. I do not encourage my classmates to participate. I often get angry when I disagree with my classmates, and say and act disrespectfully. I have trouble following the discussion rules established by the class. I get angry when people criticize my ideas.

if I need to.						
Reflection						
I take time to think about what I have learned about a topic from a discussion and apply it to my learning in the future.	I think about what I have learned from a discussion. I think about how well I did in a discussion and try	If I am reminded, I think about what I have learned from a discussion. I try to improve my discussion skills.	Once a discussion is over, I usually do not think about what I have learned from it. I hardly ever think			
I look back and evaluate my participation in a discussion and set goals for improving my skills during the next discussion.	to do better in the next one.		about my discussion skills and how to improve them.			