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Essay

Genetically, Vincent is supposed to be weak, yet his strength of character is the key to the story.

Vincent Freeman is born into a world where weakness isn't tolerated and individuals with flaws are outcast and looked down upon. It is a society that has been overwhelmed by the relentless pursuit of perfection. The society of Gattaca has decayed along with true human qualities. Vincent Freeman's strength of character and desire to achieve his dreams and voyage into outer space shed some light in on this bleak, dark sterile not too distant future. Vincent shows true human qualities and triumphs over the constraints his genetic destiny for told. He beats the system.

"My destiny was mapped out before me all my flaws, predispositions and susceptibilities - most untreatable to this day. Only minutes old, the date and cause of my death was already known.

Vincent was born genetically imperfect and because of this he was seen as an outsider. Vincent is constantly put down and shut out from society. They are shown constantly competing with each other in a game called "chicken." "It was the day when everything became possible. A strong example used to emphasise Vincent's isolation from society, is when Niccol shows a close up of the day care centre gate slamming shut in Vincent's face. "It was the moment when Anton wasn't as strong as he thought he was, and I wasn't as weak as I thought I was. He was labelled an "invalid" because his genes weren't genetically manipulated at birth. This strong empathy on perfection that society strives for overpowers a mother's love for her son.