

# **Student Essay on Genetic Selection and Testing**

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# Essay

Genetic testing involves examining a person's DNA taken from cells in a sample of blood or, occasionally, from other body fluids or tissues for some abnormality that flags a disease or disorder. In the fetus, cells can be obtained from the womb in amniotic fluid and the procedure is called amniocentesis. Prenatal genetic testing and selection in Canada is not without risks and dangers. I believe that genetic testing could hurt the fetus or even cause the mother to abort the baby. There is always a chance that there could be bleeding or injury while the procedure is being done. If there is an accident, the fetus will have a bigger chance of a birth defect or other complications. The choice of selection should be considered when choosing a mate and this should be sealed with love, understanding and trust, not after the baby is conceived. People should not want to risk changing their children from being an average and healthy human. Having genetic selection for a specific sex, hair colour, eye colour, or intelligence is vain. Parents should not want to change their child from their natural conception. If your baby was supposed to be born that way, there must have been a specific purpose. Children with disabilities may are not always a bad thing, even judging by the special olympics. Many people have noticed that children who are mentally challenged are more loving and affectionate than so-called "normal" children. These are great qualities to look for in a person. People today are very influenced on how a person looks. If your child is not exactly good looking or has the abilities and expectations you hoped for, it does not matter because anything is possible if they do their best. Remember, everybody is equal and nobody has the right to judge you. I believe that even though a child has a possible chance of a disease in the future, he still has the right to live his life because life is beautiful, it is greatly valued, and we must respect the rights of unborn children.