**Case Study on Gene Editing**

Read the two articles: “Human Gene Editing Receives Science Panel’s Support” in the *New York Times* and “Pro and Con: Should Gene Editing Be Performed on Human Embryos?” in *National Geographic*.

Then write a 1-2 page (single spaced) essay on whether you believe that gene editing of human embryos should be allowed. Please pick and defend one of the following positions:

1. Full steam ahead! Editing of human embryos should definitely be allowed because…..
2. Stop! Editing of human embryos should never be allowed because……
3. Editing of human embryos should be allowed, but only if…… (be specific about your conditions!)
4. I think the National Academies’ position (that editing of embryos should only be allowed for “serious diseases and disability,” when there is no “reasonable alternative”) is a reasonable position because……

In your essay, **please discuss one scientific question surrounding gene editing and one ethical question**.