

Format Requirements

- 12 Point Font
- Double-spaced
- 1" margins
- Minimum 650 word

Instructions

After trying to get pregnant for 12 months you have discovered that you and/or your partner are infertile, but still desire to start a family. Fortunately with medical technology you can achieve your dream however you are in need of finding donor sperm (or an ova donor)! For this worksheet you will explore this scenario by navigating through the world of sperm and ova donation and pick out a donor to help start your family!

Expectations: It is entirely natural to have a lot of questions about the process of sperm donation, its' success rates, and other possible issues that sperm donation might bring up. In your journal you should answer the question below before doing some research on the topic:

1. *What are your greatest fears or questions that you might want answered?*

The Process: Do an Internet search using the phrase "sperm bank" or "ova donor" (and you'll find a number of places from which to choose a donor (ova donors will be more difficult to find). Pick two sperm or ova banks and explore their resources on the process of donation, then answer the questions below in your journal:

2. *What are three things that you've learned about the process of donation?*
3. *Are the procedures the same for both places that you chose?*
4. *Do you have any lingering questions or concerns?*

My Choice: Then you need to search through the donor profiles and select a donor for you (or your partner). If you are currently in a relationship I encourage you to get him/her involved in the search. Reflect on the process by discussing the following questions and anything else that comes up in your journal:

5. *What were the factors that you took into consideration which resulted in your selection?*
6. *Was it easy or difficult to go through this process?*
7. *Did you feel that you knew enough about the donors to make the "right" choice?*

The Issues: For most people who actually utilize these resources it is natural to be apprehensive about this process. There is also some debate on the concerns with sperm donation, for example the appropriate number of offspring that a single donor should be able to “father.” Google (or use any search engine of your choice) and explore some of the concerns that sperm and ova donation bring up and respond to those issues.

8. *Do you share these concerns?*
9. *Did your Google search help to answer these concerns?*
10. *What is the most interesting thing that you learned about donating sperm or ova?*

APA Citations: You must use APA style citations to avoid plagiarism, this includes in-text citations (where appropriate) and full APA citations at the end of your entry. There are posted links to APA format websites in the Resources link in D2L. You are expected to use at least 3 sources to support your analysis.

Quotations: You must submit original work and no more than 10% of the entry can be quoted material. When quoting, you are expected to follow the APA guidelines on use of in-text citations or you will be subject to the plagiarism penalty.

Penalties

Students will earn an automatic ZERO for the following occurrences:

- Submit a journal that does not meet the minimum format requirements.
- Student does not respond to all of the questions.
- Failure to appropriately cite sources (3 point penalty for each missing source).
- Submits an entry with more than 10% quoted material.

Journal Scoring Rubric

For each journal topic, you will earn points using the rubric below.

	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
Clear Expression of Ideas	Less than 5 spelling or grammar errors. Several ideas are clearly AND logically explained	More than 5 spelling or grammar errors. Several ideas are clearly AND logically explained	More than 5 spelling or grammar errors. Several ideas are clearly OR logically explained	More than 5 spelling or grammar errors. Several ideas are written but lacking in clarity OR logic	More than 5 spelling or grammar errors. Several ideas are written but lacking in clarity AND logic
Critical Thinking and Writing Skills	Demonstrates <u>strong</u> critical thinking skills	Demonstrates <u>good</u> critical thinking skills	Demonstrates <u>average</u> critical thinking skills	Demonstrates weak critical thinking skills	Demonstrates weak critical thinking skills

Examples of Strong **Critical Thinking and Writing Skills** include but are not limited to:

- Analyzes issues from multiple perspectives
- Appropriately cites sources when necessary
- Evaluates research
- Employs problem solving logic
- Evaluates credibility of information, including its origins
- Engages in introspective analysis of issues

Examples of Weak **Critical Thinking and Writing Skills** include but are not limited to:

- Responds from opinion only
- Does not analyze research or sources
- Analyzes issues at a superficial, cursory level
- Leaves unresolved, unanswered questions
- Lacks logic