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Anti-Eugenics through S.T.E.A.M. connections

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In this S.T.E.A.M. unit students will self select an area of interest touching on topics connected to eugenics and brain related topics. The students can investigate many areas including gene editing, brain scans, and others or may wish to better understand how the brain works, parts of the brain, tools or devices to gain information on the brain. Students can better understand eugenics and how those alleged to be “feeble minded” had their reproduction regulated, sometimes based on spurious “intelligence tests.” Students can consider brain assessments for IQ or can question many other areas during this innovative S.T.E.A.M unit.

(Developed for Art, grades 7 and 9-12; recommended for Art, Science, Math, and Computer)

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