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Affirmative action (Open for Debate series). Kathiann Kowalski. Marshall Cavendish, 2007. \$27.95. 978-0-7614-2300-3. Grades 6–12. With well-supported evidence, both sides of this issue are addressed in an educational manner. In addition to this title, other in-the-news topics in this series are the Arab-Israeli conflict, marriage, media bias, and racial profiling.

Cloning (Writing the Critical Essay: An Opposing Viewpoints Guide series). William Dudley, Ed. Greenhaven, 2006. \$26.60. 978-0-7377-3196-5. Grades 7–12. Using the perspective of eight different experts in the fields of animal and human cloning to stem cell research, this title provides information as well as tips for writing a persuasive essay. Section Three includes appendices, an in-depth glossary, a bibliography, and organizations to contact.

Genetics (Great Ideas of Science series). Rebecca L. Johnson. Twenty-First Century, 2006. \$20.95. 978-0-8225-2910-1. Grades 6–12. Background information for understanding DNA, modern biotechnology, and the human genome map is clearly explained with sidebars and photos supporting the text. Chapter notes, a bibliography, and an index are included.

Racism (Voices series). Anne Rooney. Smart Apple Media, 2006. \$21.95. 978-1-58340-983-1. Grades 8–12. In an easy-to-read layout with photos, fact boxes, and thought-provoking chapter titles (“Is it ever ‘just a joke?’”), racial issues are viewed from a broad-

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