

NOTE-TAKING: Identifying the Author's Assertions and Explanations

	Gould's Assertions	Gould's Explanations
1.	Man is by nature aggressive and selfishly acquisitive.	many acts of kindness in any American city on a given day
2.	It is impractical to say that 50 percent of human reactions are stressful or aggressive.	such a situation would not be sustainable—would lead to chaos
3.	Man is a _____ species.	
4.	Humans are both _____ and _____, but we remember _____ more.	
5.	The large human brain allows for more _____.	
6.	The concept of biological determinism has no _____.	

genial	flexibility	violence has more of an impact on us than kindness; violence is more shocking
basis or foundation	kind	
violence	violent	too much stereotypical thinking by those in power; our biological nature is not an obstacle to social reform
brain is larger in size and humans are less programmed by their genes—flexibility should be considered a determinant in human awareness; humans can be aggressive and peaceful, dominant, and submissive, spiteful and generous		animals are relatively peaceful, described that way despite one or two aggressive acts; hardly any aggressive acts noted after millions of hours observing humans