

Defining Ethics

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What is Ethics?

- Morality
 - Values that govern a society's attitude toward right and wrong (WHAT)
- Ethics
 - The means for determining what a society's values ought to be (HOW)

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Define Your Ethics

- How do you know right from wrong?
- How/from what did you develop your "ethical compass?"



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Sources of Ethics

- Feelings and Opinions
- The Greatest Good
- The Golden Rule (reciprocity)
 - "Treat others as you want to be treated"
 - "Hurt not others with that which pains thyself"

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Think About It

Who do you consider a highly ethical person?



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Ethical Character Traits

- Honest
- Justice
- Compassion
- Integrity

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Ethics and the Law


- Ethics tell us what we ought to do
- People don't always do what they should
- Laws define and enforce rights and duties

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Law Do's & Don't's

- Laws DON'T
 - Make people do the right thing
- Laws DO
 - Have the power to punish people for doing the wrong things
 - Conflict with ethics

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ASSIGNMENT 

Describe a situation where you struggled with an ethical decision.
How did you decide what to do?
What *did* you do?
How did the situation turn out?

Include: Name, Due Date, Block

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SOURCES

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