

MODULE 6.7

Introduction to Moral Reasoning

Learning Targets:

1. Define and determine the origins of morality.
2. Apply Kohlberg's theory of moral development.

Please respond to the following ethical dilemmas. There is no right or wrong answer. I am most interested in your reasoning as to WHY the individual in the story was correct or incorrect in his behavior.

Trolley Problem

Watch the following video by clicking on this [Link](#) and answer the following questions using our Google Form.



Questions: Please answer on the [GOOGLE FORM](#). I am most interested in your reasoning!

- Do you pull the lever and divert the train? Why or why not?
- Do you push the man off the bridge? Why or why not?
- What, if anything, is the difference between the scenarios?
- What are some real-life examples of the trolley problem?

Morality in Everyday Life

You do not like your math teacher. You think that he is unfair & does not help students when they are unsure of how to solve a problem. You went in to ask him a question after school & he was not in the room (after telling you that he would be there to help you). Standing by his desk, you notice the test that you will be taking tomorrow set on his desk. Would it be all right to look over the questions on the test?

Your Answer:

Write Your Own Dilemma

You are required to navigate moral dilemmas everyday of your life. Please provide an example of a moral dilemma that a high school student might face. It could be real or fictional but please keep it school appropriate.

Your Answer:

IV. Heinz Dilemma

To prepare for our class discussion on Thursday, answer the following questions below after reading the "Heinz Dilemma." ***I am most interested in your rationale or justification for your decision.***

Heinz's wife was dying from a particular type of cancer. Doctors said a new drug might save her. The drug had been discovered by a local chemist, and Heinz tried desperately to buy some, but the chemist was charging ten times the money it cost to make the drug, and this was much more than Heinz could afford.

Heinz could only raise half the money, even after help from family and friends. He explained to the chemist that his wife was dying and asked if he could have the drug cheaper or pay the rest of the money later.

The chemist refused, saying that he had discovered the drug and was going to make money from it. The husband was desperate to save his wife, so later that night he broke into the chemist's and stole the drug.

Questions:

1. Should Heinz have stolen the drug? **Clearly explain your reasoning to me.**
2. Would it change anything if Heinz did not love his wife?
3. What if the person dying was a stranger, would it make any difference?
4. Should the police arrest the chemist for murder if the woman died?