

# BioEthics Literacy Project

The goal of this assignment is to introduce the concept of BioEthics within the framework of an assigned reading. Each student will write on their selected book and present to the class a summary of their book.

1. **Include the following information on your cover sheet:**

Book Title  
Author  
Publication Date  
Fiction or Non-Fiction

2. **Write a summary of the book.** This should be at least **300 words** and be an overview of the entire book. It should explain specific scenes from the entire book, including the middle and the end.
3. **Identify the ethical dilemma(s) presented in the book. And identify the character(s) facing each ethical conflict.**
4. **Identify how the ethical dilemma(s)** are seen by the characters using the various ethical perspectives described below. Use the perspectives only as they apply in your book.
- Moral Rules** - an action is right if it follows certain fundamental moral rules.
  - Virtues** – an action is right if it conforms to a model set of attributes inherent in a particular community.
  - Outcomes** – an action is right if good consequences outweigh the bad consequences.
  - Principles** – an action is right if it follows the principles of:
    - Respect** – respect individuals and their right to make independent decisions).
    - Beneficence** – be of benefit.
    - Non-maleficence** – does no harm.
    - Justice** – treat others equitably, distributes benefits/burdens fairly.
  - Care** – an action is right if it acknowledges the importance and value of interpersonal relationships.
5. Have a character (stakeholder) from your book describe the bioethical issue covered in your book. If your book deals with more than one bioethic topic, choose the one you are most interested in. *Do some research on the topic and have the character describe how it relates to his or her life. Be sure to include some real biological or scientific knowledge. Use a variety of information sources (texts, internet, other) for help. This should all be done as if a character in your book was explaining the issue to someone else. Be sure this section is written in your own words and in the voice of your chosen character. This section should be at least **300 words.** ***Please note: make sure your sources are legitimate and reputable.****
6. **Rate your assigned book:** Rate your book on a scale from one to ten, ten being the best. Describe why you gave your book this rating and provide a review of your book. Your discussion should include whether you would or would not recommend your book. Then

describe whether your viewpoint on the ethical dilemma(s) presented in the book has been strengthened, changed or remained the same.

7. ***Visual Presentation:*** Create a visual that represents the story. Be creative and have fun with this part of your project!
  
8. Your in-class oral presentation should be at least 5 minutes but no more than 10.

Due Date: March 5, 2012  
Presentations begin: March 5, 2012  
(125 points)



Deadlines for Project:

Choice of Book	September 22, 2011
Rough Outline of Project	December 9, 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe what you've read</li><li>• Identify characters</li><li>• Ethical Dilemmas</li><li>• What will your visual look like?</li><li>• Email attachment</li></ul>	
Rough Draft	February 10, 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your reading should be complete</li><li>• Should be very close to finished project</li></ul>	
Project DUE	March 5, 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be ready to present to the class</li></ul>	

This time table is to help you organize your time. Allow sufficient opportunity to complete each section. If you have questions about any part of the project, **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! SEE ME ASAP!**