Ethics - Research Culminating Task

Due: Wednesday December 16th

Process

- 1. Choose a controversial ethics issue that you are interested in
 - Examples include: abortion, animal rights, environmental concerns, capital punishment, nuclear war, refugees
- 2. Research the topic
- 3. Determine your view on the topic
- 4. Examine the topic through two of the ethical normative systems
 - The goal here is to view different opinions than your own. Please ensure that at least one of the ethical normative systems differs significantly from your view. The second ethical normative system may overlap either side of the argument.

<u>Structure</u>

- Paragraph 1: Provide the reader with an understanding of the topic (facts and data, not opinions)
- Paragraph 2: Provide the reader with one view of the topic through an ethical normative system
- Paragraph 3: Provide the reader with another view of the topic through an ethical normative system
- Paragraph 4: Provide the reader with your view of the topic (without using 'l')
- Paragraph 5: Conclude through acknowledging all three views but outlining why your view (paragraph 4) is the right or most informed view.

Class Time Schedule

If you wish, you may bring your own device to use. We will flow into other areas of the library as required in order for everyone to have access to a computer as we have the smaller lab for all periods.

- Thursday, December 20th (Library seminar room, 150C)
- Monday, December 14th (Library seminar room, 150C)
- Tuesday, December 15th (Library seminar room, 150C)

<u>Format</u>

- Typed, times new roman, double spaced, 12 point font
- Formal writing: No I, contractions, etc.
- 3-4 pages
- Links to sources are required



Ethics Culminating Task Success Criteria

	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
Knowledge/ Understanding	Demonstrates thorough	Demonstrates considerable	Demonstrates	Demonstrates limited
 Have you gathered reliable and specific information? 	knowledge of the ethics topic	knowledge of the ethics topic	some knowledge of the ethics topic	knowledge of the ethics topic
 Thinking Have you followed the required format? Have you fully explained the topics in and organized manner? Application Have you applied the ethical normative systems to the various arguments 	Demonstrates planning skills through the organization of ideas and summary of information with a high degree of effectiveness Applies knowledge and skills in familiar context with a high degree of effectiveness	Demonstrates planning skills through the organization of ideas and summary of information with considerable effectiveness Applies knowledge and skills in familiar context with considerable effectiveness	Demonstrates planning skills through the organization of ideas and summary of information with some effectiveness Applies knowledge and skills in familiar context with limited effectiveness	Demonstrates planning skills through the organization of ideas and summary of information with limited effectiveness Applies knowledge and skills in familiar context with some effectiveness
 Communication Have you checked your spelling and grammar? Have you used appropriate academic language? 	Uses conventions, vocabulary, and terminology with a high degree of effectiveness	Uses conventions, vocabulary, and terminology with considerable effectiveness	Uses conventions, vocabulary, and terminology with some effectiveness	Uses conventions, vocabulary, and terminology with limited effectiveness