

RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS



ALDER
Community High School

YEAR 11 CORE

How do we know what is good?	
Autumn	Overview: - Examines ethical theories such as Kantian deontology and Utilitarianism through dilemmas like the trolley problem. - Explores philosophical views on what defines humanity and the sacredness of life across religions. - Analyses ethical issues in modern bioethics, including animal testing (vivisection), cloning, genetic engineering, and IVF. - Evaluates religious and secular responses to scientific and medical advancements.
	Key Vocabulary 1. Absolutist 2. Utilitarian 3. Sanctity of life 4. Vivisection 5. Genetic engineering 6. IVF 7. Clone 8. Duty ethics 9. Philosophy 10. Moral law/code
Career Links: Bioethics, Genetics & Biotechnology, Medical Law, Academic Philosophy.	



How do religious and social science perspectives influence the debate on capital punishment for serious crimes?	
Spring	Overview: - Analyses international practices, methods, and legal variations regarding capital punishment. - Evaluates arguments surrounding retribution, deterrence, sanctity of life, and execution risks. - Integrates psychological and sociological perspectives: free will vs. determinism and nature vs. nurture. - Analyses criminal case studies to explore moral responsibility, diminished responsibility, and Christian teachings on forgiveness. Career Links: Criminology, Criminal Justice System, Legal Practice, Forensic Psychology, Probation Services. Key Vocabulary - Death penalty/capital punishment - Freewill - Determinism - Forgiveness - Pardon - Joint enterprise - Age of criminal responsibility - Diminished responsibility - Peer pressure - Prosecution/defence