#### WEDNESDAY

August 26th, 2009 (8.26.2009)



#### **Required Materials:**



Pen/Pencil



Paper

#### Agenda:

- 1. Seating Chart Reminder & Attendance (2-3 min)
- 2. Reminder: Due Dates for Materials (1 min)
- 3. Introduction to White/Black Slides (2 minutes)
- 4. Notes: Moral Dilemmas (3 min)
- 5. Moral Dilemma Questions + Discussion (35 min)
  - 1. Heinz Dilemma
  - 2. True Love
  - 3. The Right to Kill

Quote of the Week:

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."

# Reminder: Seating Charts

- Yesterday, I assigned you seating charts in this class.
- If you're not sitting in your assigned seat, you will be marked ABSENT.
- If you wish to move your seat somewhere else, see me after class.

### Reminder: Due Dates

- Due dates for all materials: Next Monday (8.31.2009).
  - This includes 3-ring binder (1 1/2" or larger), 3-ring pencil pouch, 5 dividers, Post-It notes, pens/mechanical pencils, and paper.
- I will remind you every day this week.
- No excuses! This is your first homework grade of the year!

#### Black/White Slide Intro.

- As stated on the syllabus, I color-code my slides to make it easier for you when taking notes.
- Black slides = take notes; listen to Mr. Hampton
- White slides = do not take notes; listen to Mr. Hampton

# White Slide Example

■ This is an example of a NO NOTES slide.

NO NOTES

## Black Slide Example

■ This is an example of a TAKE NOTES slide.

NOTE

- Today, we'll be looking at moral dilemmas.
- You will need to <u>write</u> today—by the end, you should have 12-18 sentences.
- Any questions?

#### Moral Dilemmas

■ First, we need define moral dilemma...to do this, we'll have to look at what is NOT a moral dilemma.

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#### NOT a Moral Dilemma

■ Imagine a problem with two solutions. One solution is the "right" answer and the other solution is the "wrong" answer.

#### NOT a Moral Dilemma

- A train is running out of control down a track. In its path are 15 people who have been tied to the track. Fortunately, you can flip a switch that will lead the train down a different track to avoid hitting the 15 people, which would save their lives.
- Should you flip the switch?

# ZOTE:

#### Moral Dilemmas

- Imagine a problem with two solutions.
- Neither solution is "right" or "wrong."
- You must decide the best solution.

#### Moral Dilemmas

- A train is hurtling down a track towards 15 people. The only way you can stop the train is by dropping a *very* heavy weight in front of it to save the 15 people. You notice there is a *very* fat man next to you who could be pushed on the track to save the 15 people. However, doing this will kill the one *very* fat man to save the 15 people.
- Should you push the *very* fat man on the track to save the 15 people?

#### Moral Dilemmas

- Today, you will be given 3 moral dilemmas.
  - Read the situation and answer the question as best you can.
  - Spend about 7 minutes answering the question; no talking during the 7 minutes.
  - 4-6 sentences are REQUIRED for each answer.
  - After 7 minutes, we will discuss our answers.
- Questions before we get started?

#### Heinz Dilemma

- A woman was near death from cancer. There was one drug that the doctors thought might save her. The drug was expensive, but the druggist was charging ten times what the drug cost him to make. He paid \$200 for the drug and charged \$2,000 for it. The sick woman's husband, Heinz, went to everyone he knew to borrow the money, but he could only get together about \$1,000, which is half of what it would cost. He told the druggist that his wife was dying and asked him to sell it cheaper or let him pay later. But, the druggist said: "No, I discovered the drug and I'm going to make money from it." So, Heinz got desperate and broke into the man's store and stole the drug for his wife.
- QUESTION: Should Heinz have broken into the lab to steal the drug for his wife? Why or why not? Look at the passage above and use examples for your reasoning!

- Your 18-year old brother comes home one night and explains that he wishes to get married to his "true love," a woman who he met three (3) months ago. Unfortunately, both of your parents are against the marriage—they threaten that if your brother gets married to his "true love," your parents will banish and disown your brother forever, meaning you would never see him again.
- QUESTION: Should your brother get married to his "true love"? Why or why not? Are there any factors from this situation—length of time they've been dating, the age of your brother, etc.—that influence your decision? Explain.

# The "Right" To Kill

- SITUATION #1: A man is in prison because he has killed someone in cold blood. He is on "death row" waiting to be killed by lethal electrocution.
- SITUATION #2: A woman is terminally ill with cancer and is in extreme pain on a daily basis. She wants to die by euthanasia (assisted suicide by injection).
- QUESTION: Look at both situations. Would it ever be "right" to end a person's life in any of these circumstances? Why or why not? Explain your answer. What factors of these situations influence your decision?

## Turn In Your Work!