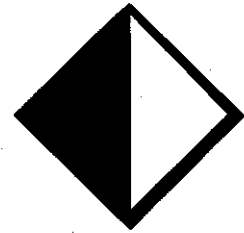


Ethics



Task Starters

- Describe the ethical issues you find.
- How did or does an ethical issue affect the information you are studying?
- Why are there different ethical issues in different times and places?
- What are some universal ethics or values?
- How do ethics get developed?
- How does a culture teach or transmit its ethics?

ETHICS ARE (OR ARE FOUND IN):

- controversies
- dilemmas
- biases
- prejudices
- decision-making
- principles of "right" behavior
- a set or theory of moral values
- philosophies, metaphysics
- professional rules or standards
- value-laden ideas

Related Thinking Skills

- determine bias
- prioritize (the most important ethical issues)
- identify relationships (among the ethical issues)
- determine relevance
- judge with criteria (the ethical issue)
- distinguish fact from opinion or fantasy
- test assumptions

Ethics within the Disciplines—A Sample List

Language Arts	Math	Social Studies	Science
plot dilemmas	misleading statistics	human conflicts/rights	experimental bias
conflicts, controversies	problem-solving techniques	migrations/immigration	concilience
patterns of good vs. "bad" characters	interpretation/application of solutions	biases/prejudices	dna issues: cloning, stem cells, etc.
plagiarism	logic, probability	laws/justice	disagreements among experts
media: editorials, political cartoons, bias	applied mathematics	dissent	"good" vs "bad" research
		propaganda	

