

Ethics Grades 5 through 12

Annotations:

For the benefit of the students and in accordance with current affairs, topics may be modified. In grades 5 through 10, philosophical concepts should be part of instruction in certain topics and at appropriate age levels. If possible, religious holidays should be included at the time of their celebration.

Grades 5/6

Development of personality: personal goals – fundamental values in human interaction – golden rule - friendship – conflicts and conflict resolution - interaction with nature - concepts of happiness - creation myths - basic knowledge of Judaism and Christianity

Grades 7/8

Ethical values, norms and dilemmas - puberty and growing up - dependency and freedom – perception of reality – leisure activities – consumerism – use and danger of media – prejudice - friendship and love - truth and conscience – justice - nature and technology – basic knowledge of Islam

Grade 9/10

Fundamental concepts of happiness today and in antiquity – image of man and society – categorical imperative – Socrates, founder of the discursive search for truth – phenomenon of time - human rights - death and mourning - basic knowledge of Asian religions and philosophies

Grades 11/12

Truth and Knowledge: Models of Epistemology

Illusion and reality – language and thought - art and reality – manipulation - world view and science

Human Nature and Capabilities: Anthropological Studies

Fight for survival – subconscious influence – exceptional human nature: what makes mankind human? - Human beings seen as thinking, speaking, and feeling animals – culture and technology – brain and consciousness – freedom and predetermination

Philosophical Ethics: Basic Concepts

Duty and expediency in ethics – happiness: eudemonia and usefulness – conflict between good and evil – ethical concepts today

Modern Challenges

Law and justice – human rights and human dignity – sustainability – science and responsibility – media - economy and morals

Search for Religion and Transcendence

Significance and credentials of transcendence when searching for the sense of life - metaphysical images of God – fundamentals of various metaphysical concepts – role and challenge of religion in the 21st century

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Several topics overlap.

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