

OUTLINE PROPOSAL FORM

for GCE A/AS Level Examinations

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Syllabus Title	Global Perspectives & Research		Syllabus Code	9239
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Title of Proposal	Is euthanasia a ethical solution to ending a terminally ill person's pain?	

Details of Proposal (see over)		
<p>With euthanasia being defined by Merriam-Webster Dictionary (2015) as "the act or practice of killing someone who is very sick or injured in order to prevent anymore suffering", the ethicality of the process has been largely debated. Euthanasia is more commonly known as physician assisted suicide. Merriam-Webster is a 184-year-old American-based reference company that specializes in the creation of reference material, including dictionaries. I will be defining ethical as defined by Merriam-Webster as, "involving questions of right and wrong behaviour" and "following accepted rules of behaviour". With researching the arguments for and against euthanasia, I can obtain a large body of knowledge to help me determine what the general "accepted rules of behaviour" are towards euthanasia, and conclude whether euthanasia is an ethical solution to ending a terminally ill person's pain. Terminal can be defined by Merriam-Webster as "causing death eventually: leading to final death" and "having an illness that cannot be cured and will soon lead to death." Patients who are potentially eligible to participate in the process of euthanasia are most of the time terminally ill patients. There are some exceptions, which I will fully cover in my paper.</p> <p>Euthanasia is a very debatable topic in relation to medical and religious topics. Since what is considered ethical is based on personal beliefs that stem from religious and generational ties, an abundance of religions and points of view will be analysed in my paper in order to come to an impartial conclusion on the ethicality of euthanasia. The definition of ethical is different between religions and medical beliefs. This too will be taken in to consideration during the research process. Some individuals believe that euthanasia is acceptable, as the patient will eventually die anyways. However, others feel that it is immoral and it goes against their religious beliefs. Authors such as Derek Humphry, writer of the books Dying with Dignity: Understanding Euthanasia and The Right to Die: Understanding Euthanasia, and Ludovic Kennedy, author of the book Euthanasia: The Good Death, make cases for euthanasia through their writings. However many authors such as Neil M. Gorsuch, author of The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia, and Margaret A. Somerville, writer of Death Talk: The Case Against Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide, make their cases against euthanasia in their books. There are many writers who understand both sides of the argument, such as Timothy E. Quill, author of Death and Dignity: Making Choices and Taking Charge, who shows both sides of the debate in his writing.</p> <p>I have been fascinated with this topic for years, after witnessing the heartbreak that the loss of a terminally ill patient causes. It interests me as I can very much understand the arguments on both side of the debate. I am very excited to begin doing further research in order to fully understand the effects of euthanasia, as well as engaging in research beyond what has previously been done.</p>		
	Date	10/24/15

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	Adviser's Initials		Date

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 - (ii) the methods to be used to collect and analyse information and data and, where possible and appropriate, a brief list of sources;
 - (iii) a bibliography (in appropriate syllabuses only);
 - (iv) Art and Design submissions should also clearly identify sources for first hand study and other sources and contacts; such as interviews, gallery visits etc. Any teacher's comment can be added at the bottom of the 'Details of Proposal' box;
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