

Subject	PRE
Unit	Unit 1 - Ethics

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Ethics	The study of right and wrong
Absolutist	Someone who believes that something is either ALWAYS right or ALWAYS wrong
Relativist	Someone who believes that issues are right or wrong depending on the situation or circumstances
Divine Command	God has given us rules we have to follow
Consequentialism	An act can be judged by its consequences
Situation Ethics	An act can be judged on the circumstances (links to agape)
Utilitarianism	You should always do what will create the greatest good for the greatest number
Decalogue	The 10 Commandments (Torah/Old Testament)
Agape (Ag-a-pe)	Unconditional love (Christian)
Karma	The consequences of your actions (Hinduism and Buddhism)
Metta	Loving kindness (Buddhism)
Karuna	Compassion (Buddhism)
Precept	Guidelines (Buddhism)
Humanism	A belief system based on the principle that people's spiritual and emotional needs can be satisfied without following a god or religion