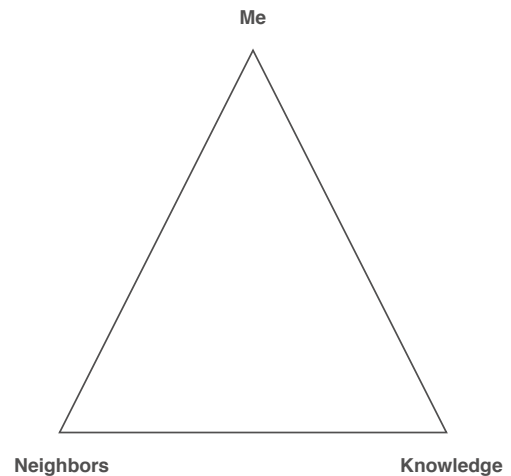


Investigating Topics in Ethics

This activity asks you to analyze an issue in anatomy and physiology using a framework that pushes beyond your own opinions. This framework asks you to think about the following three aspects of ethical decision-making:

- Me—How will this affect me? What will it require of me? What are my biases?
- Neighbor—How will this affect others? How is loving my neighbor involved?
- Knowledge—What do significant sources of relevant knowledge, including science and theology, have to say on this issue?



Find two online articles that discuss a current ethical issue related to the human body and that offer differing perspectives. Keep the framework in mind as you read the article and answer the questions that follow for each article:

Summarize the article in 2-3 sentences. What viewpoint is the author communicating?

What type of argument is the author of this article using (me, neighbor, science/theology)? Explain how this is evident. Does the type of argument work for the topic?

How carefully does the article use science and/or theology? (What other sources did you check to confirm the accuracy of the information?) Does it include questionable claims?

Does the article take other perspectives than its own into account? What other perspectives does it consider?

What are two interesting things you learned from the article?

What is one thing that surprised you?

Reflection Questions:

Please answer the following questions in relation to the issue that you have been investigating. You may need to do some additional research in order to adequately respond to the “Knowledge” section.

Me—How will this issue affect me? If I just think about how this affects me, what position might I take?

Neighbor—How will this affect my community? If I think about how this issue affects my community, what position would I take?

Knowledge—What do science and/or theology have to say about this view? If I think about what science and theology say about this issue, would I support the article's position?

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Present a summary of this article and your responses to at least one family member or other adult who knows you. Here are a few questions to ask them:

- 1. Did you know anything about this issue before learning about the article?**
- 2. What do you think about the issue now?**
- 3. How well do you think I have thought about the needs of the wider community?**

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: _____