**Modern Dilemmas- Persuasive Essay**

**Medical Ethics**

**Term 2, Essay 2**

**Directions:** You will select one controversial theory/practice in the field of medicine and write a persuasive essay which either supports or rejects the ethics of a method/theory/ practice of medicine. You will base this argument on medical facts, current events, public policy, any works from class, or any other evidence that validates your argument.

**Your essay will be four paragraphs**: an introduction, two body paragraphs, and a conclusion. **Each body paragraph will offer evidence that is either paraphrased or directly quoted.**

I suggest your developing paragraphsbe grouped **either by**:

1. **types of evidence**; for example, works from class would be in a separate

paragraph from current events, medical research, or public policy

**OR**

(2**) ethic**- you could offer one DP that explores the justice of a medical practice

and another DP on its beneficence

**Level 4 students must:**

* Reference at least ONE medical ethic from our chart in EACH of their developing paragraphs. It may be the same ethic in each DP. Thus, the whole essay may only discuss one ethical argument-Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-malfeasance, Justice, Fidelity, and Veracity.
* Have at least TWO difference sources (total) as evidence of argument
* Include a works cited page that is properly formatted

**Level 3 students must:**

* Reference at least ONE medical ethics from our chart in EACH of their developing paragraphs. It may NOT be the same ethic in each DP. Thus, the whole essay will discuss at least two ethics for argument-Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-malfeasance, Justice, Fidelity, and Veracity.
* Have at least TWO difference sources (total) as evidence of argument
* Include a works cited page that is properly formatted

**Level 2 students must:**

* Reference at least TWO medical ethics from our chart in EACH of their developing paragraphs. You may use the same ethics in each DP. Thus, the whole essay will offer at least two ethics-Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-malfeasance, Justice, Fidelity, and Veracity.
* Have at least THREE difference sources as evidence (TOTAL) of argument
* Include a works cited page that is properly formatted

While you are not required to use quotations as evidence in this paper, in some cases, quotations may be the most efficient and effective way of supporting your point. Your analysis for each example, whether quoted or paraphrased, should persuade readers in the ethical (or unethical) aspects of the medical practice. Your MAIN IDEA should be firm-do not argue both sides of the argument.

All evidence, quoted and/or paraphrased, must be cited. Research is a requirement as your paper is topical. You need to refer to some current events/research to support your argument. Although the book *My Sister’s Keeper* is fictional, you may also refer to it as evidence of what may happen in certain medical situations.

You will be graded according to a rubric in the following categories

Main idea and introduction Persuasive explanation/analysis of evidence

Selection of evidence Structure of argument Written expression

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| Possible Topics:  Genetic pre-selection  Sibling saviors  Euthanasia  Medical Emancipation of Minors  Treating/raising children as transgendered  Experimental Treatment on children  Universal Health Care  Cloning Stem Cells/Cloning organisms  Abortion  Elimination of contact sports for children  Organ Selling  Topic of Choice |

**Assigned:**

**Due:**