



Wales
HIGH SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM

Academic Reading List

Religious Education

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In order to prepare for the Ethics course, there are a collection of articles that explore a range of key issues that arise from the ethical dilemma of euthanasia.

Whilst reading try to focus on;

The difference between voluntary and non-voluntary euthanasia, and if you consider there to be a moral difference between the two (e.g. is one more justifiable than the other?)

If you think there should be a distinction between acting to end life (active euthanasia) and not acting to preserve life/ withdrawing medical treatment (passive euthanasia)

It would be beneficial to also compile a table of all of the reasons for/ against the legalisation of euthanasia that are raised in the articles.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/sep/20/legalising-assisted-dying-would-be-a-failure-of-collective-human-memory-and-imagination>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/sep/18/we-should-end-the-suffering-of-patients-who-know-they-are-dying-and-want-to-do-so-peacefully>

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/euthanasia-voluntary/>

<https://brightknowledge.org/law/famous-cases-airedale-nhs-trust-vs-tony-bland>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-19341722>

In preparation for the Philosophy element of the course it would be useful to watch the original Matrix film (1999) and consider if there is any knowledge that we can be certain of (although this is not compulsory).