Directions for final paper/presentation:

Your task is to explore a contemporary issue through the lens of ethics.

- Pick a topic

- Develop a thesis question – what is it you wish to explore? Do not say, “I am going to prove that painting zebras orange should be legal.” Rather ask, “Is it ethical for humans to paint zebras orange?” In other words – your presentation is exploring an ethical question, not writing a defense of an ethical position.

- Follow this outline for your paper/presentation:
  o Introduction:
    ▪ Thesis question
    ▪ Brief description of your topic
    ▪ What you hope to learn (note it helps to write this before you begin your research)
    ▪ Do not make a statement regarding your opinion of the issue
  o Present the issue – give your audience the background, why is this an issue, what is happening at the present time, is there a historical foundation for the issue (you may need to write more than one paragraph)
  o Present one point of view regarding the issue (you may need to write more than one paragraph)
  o Present a different (perhaps conflicting) point of view regarding the issue (you may need to write more than one paragraph)
  o Discuss how the issue would be critiqued by at least one of the following: deontological ethics, virtue ethics, ethic of care, behaviorism, teleological ethics, utilitarianism, Kant, or one of the ethicists presented by your peers. For an A level, please include 3 ethicists or ethical systems.
  o Discuss how the issue would be viewed by people of faith – pick one major world religious tradition and explore how that faith tradition would view your issue. If you practice a particular faith, please explore the issue through the teachings of your faith. If you do not identify with a religious tradition you still need to pick one and explore what it might say about your issue.
  o Conclusion – include what you have learned as a result of your work. Do you have an opinion on the issue? What is it? Did your opinion change or soften as a result of your work? How have you answered your thesis question?
The rubric will be based on the following:

**Directions for final presentation:**

It is your task to create an interesting presentation to be shared with your peers in January.

1) Your presentation should be eight-fifteen minutes in length
2) You need to include visuals (so consider creating a PowerPoint, Prezi, iMovie, Explain Everything, or Knowmia presentation)
3) Please do not read a paper to us! If your topic or presentation is chock full of information be sure to present that information visually.
4) At the end of your presentation you should have a couple of minutes for questions – or maybe you want to ask the class a question.

The rubric for your presentation will be based on:

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**Suggestions for topics and sources of research:**

http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/moral.htm
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http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/sexual.htm
http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/business.htm
http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/moral.htm#birth
http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/abortion.htm
http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/euthan.htm

http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/death.htm
ENERGY/Natural Resources. Petroleum and coal industries. Sustainable resources of power.
e.g. Coal use in the U.S. (Concerned scientists)

e.g. Colorado River, Nestle in the western US

WOLVES/Endangered species.
e.g. Waterways in Yellowstone. Ranchers in Wyoming and Easter Oregon.

FOOD/Sustainability. [http://www.foodispower.org/slavery-chocolate/](http://www.foodispower.org/slavery-chocolate/)
e.g. CHOCOLATE/Labor practices. Child labor. Involuntary labor. Human trafficking. Agriculture in developing countries. Fair trade.
[http://www.foodispower.org/slavery-chocolate/](http://www.foodispower.org/slavery-chocolate/)

DRUG/Alcohol use, abuse. Social health issue. Criminal justice issue. Illegal vs. Legal.

Georgia’s Gubernatorial Race 2018

Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh appointment/Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill

Human Rights. Freedom of speech. Limits? Inclusions?

The Environment. [http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/content/pages/Read-the-Charter.html](http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/content/pages/Read-the-Charter.html) Laudato Si.