

# Unit 2: Euthanasia and Living Wills

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s): **Death & Dying**  
Time Period: **1 marking period**  
Length: **2 Weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Overview

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Students will be able to define euthanasia and living wills. Students will be able to also formulate an opinion of each and investigate the impact of each on their own life and others.

## Transfer

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Students will be able to comprehend and develop their own opinions on both euthanasia and living wills

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For more information, read the following article by Grant Wiggins.

[http://www.authenticeducation.org/ae\\_bigideas/article.lasso?artid=60](http://www.authenticeducation.org/ae_bigideas/article.lasso?artid=60)

## Meaning

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## Understandings

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Students will understand that...

- Euthanasia is a controversial topic on many different levels
- Religion, family, and world view all play a role in how people view death

- Their view on the topics will impact how they approach things in their future
- There are 4 different types of euthanasia
- Living wills are documents that can help make the process easier for loved ones

### **Essential Questions**

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Students will keep considering...

- Why Euthanasia is controversial
- Why their views of death could impact their everyday life

### **Application of Knowledge and Skill**

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#### **Students will know...**

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- other peoples views on euthanasia
- why they believe what they believe concerning euthanasia
- the political and social impact of euthanasia
- what a living will is and its purpose

## **Students will be skilled at...**

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- analyzing the different types of euthanasia
- synthesizing information about euthanasia and formulate opinions on it
- compare and contrast their opinions of euthanasia to those in their class
- analyze the impact of legislation concerning euthanasia
- summarizing the idea of living wills and their importance

## **Academic Vocabulary**

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Euthanasia, Non-voluntary, Involuntary, Assisted Suicide, Omission, Hippocratic Oath, Living will, DNR, Power of Attorney, Mercy killings

## **Target 2**

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Determine the importance of studying death

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LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R1

Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

TECH.8.1.12.B.CS1

Apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas, products, or processes.

TECH.8.1.12.D.CS2

Demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning.

WORK.9-12.9.1.12.A.1

Apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies during structured learning experiences.

## **Target 1**

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Determine how living wills impact decision making of those in distress

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| SOC.6.1.12.A.16.a    | Examine the impact of media and technology on political and social issues in a global society.   |
| SOC.6.2.12           | World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible. |
| WORK.9-12.9.1.12.2   | Critical thinking and problem solving in the 21st century are enhanced by the ability to work in cross-cultural teams in face-to-face and virtual environments.  |
| WORK.9-12.9.1.12.A.1 | Apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies during structured learning experiences.   |
| WORK.9-12.9.2.12.F.5 | Summarize the purpose and importance of a will.  |

## **Summative Assessment**

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All assessments are differentiated and aligned to the social studies standards and curriculum.

Alternate assessments may include problem based learning, projects or presentations, or a common paper/pencil assessment or combination of any of these.

Common summative assessments will be devised by the teachers teaching this course during a common planning time.

## **21st Century Life and Careers**

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| CRP.K-12.CRP2 | Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.                                   |
| CRP.K-12.CRP4 | Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.                               |
| CRP.K-12.CRP6 | Demonstrate creativity and innovation.   |
| CRP.K-12.CRP8 | Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. |

## **Formative Assessment and Performance Opportunities**

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Do Nows

Teacher observation

Q and A

Cooperative learning opportunities

Surveys

Guided notes

Benchmark

### **Accommodations/Modifications**

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Enrichment opportunities: extra credit for those who choose to do outside the classroom work

**Differentiation: 504 accommodations and IEP modifications are met as required**

All assessments are differentiated and aligned to the Social Studies standards and curriculum. Differentiation can include, but is not limited to:

- Graphic Organizers
  
- Chunked Readings
  
- RAFT Activities (Role, Audience, Format, Topic)
  
- Layered Curriculum/Tiered Assignments
  
- Academic Games to practice skills and deepen understanding of topics
  
- Think-Pair-Share Activities

- Stations and Learning Centers
- Utilizing Pre-tests to reteach complex content before summative assessment
- Providing additional resources for independent study (videos, study guides, teacher notes, web-based resources)

Alternate assessments may include, but are not limited to Project Based Learning, projects or presentations, or a common paper/pencil assessment or combination of any of these. Some example alternative assessment can include:

- Compare and Contrast Foldable
- Online Practice Game
- Graphic Organizer
- Perspectives Journal Writing
- Timelines
- Debate
- Play Re-Enactment and Song Analysis
- Research Activity <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/tinker/procedure.html>

Online Resources:

Text to Speech: Natural Readers - <https://www.naturalreaders.com/>

Content Vocabulary: Academic Word Finder - <http://achievethecore.org/academic-word-finder/>

## **Unit Resources**

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Internet

Power Points

Surveys

Supplemental text/teacher resources

Videos

Student notebook/journal

Social Studies Notebook

