

**Template for Lesson Plans  
Classroom Activities  
Ethics Curriculum Project Modules**

Activity # 1, The Retirbutivist Argument for Capital Punishment—Emmanuel Kant Module Name: Capital Punishment
Class type: ESOL ESE Regular <b>Gifted Honors</b> Inclusion All
Objectives for activity: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understanding the fundamental ethical value of individuality</li> <li>2. Understanding, identifying and distinguishing different arguments <i>for</i> and <i>against</i> capital punishment</li> <li>3. Understanding and identifying the difference between <i>moral</i> and <i>legal</i> arguments for and against capital punishment</li> <li>4. Understanding and identifying kinds of crimes</li> <li>5. Understanding and identifying kinds of punishments</li> </ol>
Materials Needed (texts, props, special supplies) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. copies for each student of excerpts from “On the Right to Punish” by Emmanuel Kant</li> <li>2. computer or pen and paper to write essay</li> </ol>
Procedures for Teachers- <i>What You Need to Know/Do</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read the excerpt from “On the Right to Punish.”</li> <li>2. Make copies of the excerpt and distribute to students.</li> <li>3. Ask students to identify Kant’s views on Capital Punishment (See Activity #1 in the main text of this module.).</li> <li>4. Ask students to identify the reasons that Kant offers to justify Capital Punishment (See Teacher Prompt in Activity #1 in the main text of this module.).</li> <li>5. Ask students to write their essay (See suggestions for issues to be covered in the essay under Activity #1 in the main text of this module.).</li> </ol>
Activity Type -Discussion Questions, Compositions, Small Group, etc.- <i>What Students Need to Do</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Classroom discussion of excerpt.</li> <li>2. Student essay.</li> </ol>
Assessment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Class participation in discussion of excerpt.</li> <li>2. Completion of individual writing project and evaluation of by teacher.</li> </ol>