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morality

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ethics

law

Reviewing Legal Terms

administrative law

common law

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary term.

	constitution	legislature	status		
1. Tł	ne attempt to develop a mean	s for determining the	e values of society is	1	Answer
	nown as			2	
	n action or law that conflicts tion and is, therefore, no lon			2	
3. Th	ne rules and procedures estab	lished by regulatory	agencies are called	3	
	ne law established by judges	and shared throughout	ut England is known as	4	
	ne values which govern a soc volve	iety's attitude toward	right and wrong	5	
6. Th	ne most fundamental law of a	a nation or state is its	·	6	
	ne rules of conduct established own as	ed by the government	of a society are	7	
8. St	atutory law is created by a _	·		8	
9. De	ecisions made by the highest	court of a state are c	alled the law of	9	
10. La	nws specifically passed by a second	governing body creat	ed for that purpose are	10	

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You're the Judge

DIRECTIONS: For each of the following cases, circle Yes or No to indicate your decision. Then, in your own words, state the ethical or legal principle or reason that applies in the case.

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1.	Bill Shaeffer is upset that his basketball team is losing the championship game to the Stallions of Shelby High. He considers deliberately injuring the Stallions' top center but decides not to, because he would not like the same thing to happen to him. Did Bill make an ethical decision here?	1.	Yes	No	
	Ethical Principle:				
2.	Danny Hiebel makes copies of the geometry test that his class will take the next day and passes them around. He justifies his actions by saying that he is helping the majority of the class by giving them advance copies of the test. Is his reasoning ethically correct?	2.	Yes	No	
	Ethical Principle:				
3.	Lucy Demps was charged with stealing. After she is found not guilty, she is arrested for the same offense and tried again. This time the prosecutor calls the crime embezzlement. Can this happen to Lucy? Legal Principle:	3.	Yes	No	
4.	Ann Chun went to the courthouse in her hometown and tried to register to vote. She was told by an assistant clerk that she could not vote until she reached the age of 21. Was the clerk correct?	4.	Yes	No	
	Legal Principle:				***
5.	Lois Ross maintained that, if she were permitted to do something under the laws of her state, then the U.S. Constitution could not prevent her from doing it. Was she correct?	5.	Yes	No	0
	Legal Principle:				

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Understanding Legal Concepts

DΙ	RECTIONS: Answer the following questions and explain each of your answers.
1.	Are morality and ethics the same thing? Explain your answer.
2.	Explain why some people use the greatest good principle when making moral decisions.
3.	Why has the golden rule been adopted by many religions?
4.	Do ethics and morality ever conflict? Explain your answer.
5.	What are the functions of the law?

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	Which articles of the U.S. Constitution set up the government of the United States?
7.	Does the term common law mean ordinary law? Explain your answer.
8.	What general constitutional principle speaks to the ambiguity of statutes? Explain your answer.
9.	Have the regulatory agencies been outlawed by the federal courts?
0.	Do administrative regulations have the force of law?

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Legal Activity 1: The Case of the Religious Choir Concert

SCANS COMPETENCIES ACHIEVED

Creative Thinking, Problem Solving, Reasoning, Acquiring and Evaluating Information

OBJECTIVE: To learn how to apply principles of the First Amendment.

The winter concert sponsored by the Varsity Choir at Mt. Knox High School, a public school in Vernon County, featured several religious songs taken directly from the New Testament of the Bil The songs clearly portrayed one religion as the only true religion. Several parents complained about this preferential treatment by writing letters to the choir director. At the spring concert that year, the varsity choir again sang several songs taken from the New Testament. These same songs were performed at commencement ceremonies that year. Does singing these religious songs violate and constitutional principle? Explain your answer.		
constitutional principle. Explain your answer.		

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Legal Activity 2: Working with Legal Issues

SCANS COMPETENCIES ACHIEVED

Creative Thinking, Problem Solving, Reasoning, Acquiring and Evaluating Information

OBJECTIVE: To learn to apply legal and ethical knowledge outside the classroom.

Look through newspapers and magazines for an article involving an ethical or legal issue. Cut out the article, mount it on a separate sheet of paper, date it, and record the name of the source. Write a one-paragraph explanation about how having knowledge of ethics and the law would be helpful to the parties involved in the story. Be prepared to discuss your own opinion on the issue in class. Then place the article in your Justice Journal.		
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Ethical Conduct

Keywords

Most professions have a set of rules that govern how professionals are supposed to behave. This set of rules for attorneys is called Rules of Professional Conduct in some states, and the Rules of Ethical Conduct in other states.

DIRECTIONS: Using the Internet, find copies of the Rules of Professional Conduct from two states. Complete the table below.

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N	et results	
-	ist the Web site names and ddresses.	
Li	st three rules of ethical behavior.	
	elect a rule that interests you. xplain when this rule might apply.	
	itical Thinking Questions What are the major differe	ences, if any, between the rules of the two states that you selected?
2.	Why do you suppose a set	of rules exists for attorneys?
3.	If you were a client and dis	scovered that your attorney violated one of the rules, what would you do
4.	Name some other profession	ons that you think should have a set of rules that govern their behavior.
5.	Do you think it is a good i why not?	dea for professions to have a set of rules governing conduct? Why or

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Self-Assessment Quiz

DIRECTIONS: Circle the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1. If a law conflicts with provisions of the Constitution, a court can declare that law (A) criminal (B) unusual (C) unconstitutional (D) unfair.
- 2. The rules of conduct established by the government to maintain stability and promote justice are known as (A) ethics (B) morality (C) the golden rule (D) law.
- **3.** When a decision has been made by the highest court in a state, all other courts in the state must follow that case under the law of (A) precedent (B) stability (C) justice (D) ethics.
- **4.** The most fundamental law of a nation or a state is (A) a statute (B) a constitution (C) a regulation (D) a precedent.
- **5.** A law passed by the legislature is known as (A) a statute (B) a constitution (C) a regulation (D) a precedent.
- **6.** Regulatory agencies have the power to create (A) statutes (B) constitutions (C) regulations (D) precedents.
- 7. To become law, federal statutes must usually be signed by (A) the president (B) the governor (C) the Senate majority leader (D) a federal judge.
- **8.** At the federal level, statutes are made by (A) the president (B) the Supreme Court (C) the Congress (D) the agencies.
- **9.** Law based on custom and shared throughout a state or a country is known as (A) common law (B) international law (C) unified law (D) shared law.
- **10.** Rules and procedures established by the regulatory agencies are known as (A) administrative law (B) statutory law (C) common law (D) governmental law.