Medical Ethics

A sequence of lessons for grade 10

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Introductory remarks to the English version

In this pdf, only the sketches of the 7 double lessons are presented. The complete information can be found in the German pdf.

Sketches of the double lessons

Time	Content	Material	Method
5 min	a target circle on the blackboard	blackboard	analysis of image
20 min	Gustave Flaubert, "Madame Bovary" Wikipedia: images of a clubfoot discussion: motives and expectations of the people concerned connection between motives and the outcome of the operation?	textbook Forum Ethik 10, S. 159 S. 160, tasks 1 and 2 images/beamer	analysis of text, classroom talk
20 min	resolving the introduction: meaning of the term by "Zweck" Kant means something like "Ziel" revision of the formula of universality, transfer to the formula of humanity comparison to the German Basic Law: Art. 1 Abs. 1 und 2, Art. 2 Abs. 1 und 2	worksheet for the categorical imperative and the German Basic Law	classroom talk
20 min	the American model for an ethical code in medicine evaluating the model using the example of "Madame Bovary" summary on the blackboard	textbook Forum Ethik 10, S. 161 blackboard	classroom talk, securing the results
20 min	discussion on one's own experiences with medicine, collecting possible topics for further discussion		classroom talk
5 min	summary and conclusion		classroom talk

Time	Content	Material	Method
5 min	revision of the first two formulae of Kant's categorical imperative		classroom talk
25 min	analysing the text "Menschenwürde in der Bioethik" ("human dignity in bioethics")	work- sheet	analysis of text, partner work, classroom talk
25 min	analysing the text "Würde: Argumentations- linien in der Bioethik" ("dignity: lines of argumentation in bioethics")	work- sheet	analysis of text, partner work, classroom talk
10 min	summary on the blackboard: Kant's idea of man	texts, black- board	classroom discussion, securing the results
20 min	student discussion: How can abortion be legal then? Why is cloning, preimplantation genetic diagnosis etc. legal in other countries? reference to "Terror-Ihr Urteil" ("terror-your judgment") by the students collecting and determining topics for further research information: research in the following lesson, marks for the portfolios		classroom talk
5 min	summary and conclusion		classroom talk

Zeit	Inhalt	Material	Methode
5 min	revision and distribution of the topics for research, the question of factual knowledge and approaches for research for the topics		class- room talk
80 min	research in the school library using both books and the internet	school library research poster laptops	partner- work
5 min	summary and conclusion		class- room talk

Time	Content	Material	Method
5 min	Why are there different possibilities in other countries, e.g. for medical treatment?		classroom talk
10 min	short presentation on consequentialism		presentation
10 min	contrasting consequentialism and the idea of human dignity		classroom discussion
20 min	short student presentation on "saviour siblings" and discussion		presentation and discussion
20 min	short student presentation on "designer babies" and discussion		presentation and discussion
20 min	short student presentation on human cloning		presentation and discussion
5 min	summary and conclusion		classroom talk

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5 min	text on the blackboard: "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" Where is that quotation from?	blackboard	
25 min	analysis of the text "Argumentationslinien der praktischen Philosophie" ("lines of arguments in Practical Philosophy") information on the blackboard: consequentialist ethics		classroom talk securing the results
15 min	resolving the introduction, supplementing the worksheet on Kant and the German Basic Law by a quotation, explanation of the term "liberalism" excursus: Art. 20 German Basic Law as its unchangeable core, term "social"		classroom talk
20 min	short student presentation on medical practice concerning trisomy 21 and discussion rights to unknowingness and the refusal of medical treatment		presentation classroom discussion
20 min	short student presentation on "surrogate motherhood" and discussion		presentation classroom discussion
5 min	summary and conclusion		classroom talk

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5 min	revision of the topics of the presentations of the preceding lesson and the results of the discussion		classroom talk
20 min	short student presentation on "transgene animals" and discussion		presentation classroom discussion
20 min	short student presentation on "neuroenhancement" and discussion		presentation classroom discussion
20 min	short student presentation on "self- optimization: growth hormones, muscles from the can" and discussion		presentation classroom discussion
20 min	free discussion on the topic "obligation to take psychiatric drugs for depression": compatible with human dignity?		classroom talk
5 min	summary and conclusion		classroom talk

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20 min	Summary of the discussion of the preceding lesson excursus: prevention of and help for depressions		classroom talk
20 min	short student presentation on "assisted suicide" and discussion		presenta- tion classroom discussion
25 min	free discussion on the topics "assisted suicide", "patient decree", "palliative care"	brochure on patient decrees by the BJMV	classroom talk, beamer
20 min	information: the required contents of the portfolio and the basic principles for marking them reflexion on the complete sequence of lessons		classroom talk
5 min	summary and conclusion		classroom talk