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**Norms, Morals, and Ethics 101**

Norms, morals and ethics are all related to each other but have distinct definitions and meanings. This exercise will help make sense of these terms.

**NORMS:** Standards of proper or acceptable behavior. (Merriman Webster Definition)

**List key words in the definition:**

**Example of norms: *It is a norm in the classroom to listen while others are speaking during class discussions.***

**Example of norms in global affairs: *It is a norm to not invade another country without just cause.***

**Your example of norms:**

**MORALS:** Principles of right and wrong in behavior. (Based on Merriman Webster Definition)

**List key words in the definition:**

**Example of morals: *It is moral to help someone in need.***

**Example of morals in global affairs: *Humanitarian aid is a moral cause.***

**Your example:**

**ETHICS:** Rules of behavior based on ideas about what is morally good and bad. (Merriman

Webster Definition)

**List key words in the definition:**

**Example of ethics: *Stealing is not ethical***

**Example of ethics in global affairs: *Based upon international humanitarian law, it is ethical to not harm civilians during times of war.***

**Your example:**

**Look back at the definitions of norms, morals, and ethics.**

* **How are the definitions the same?**

* **How are they different?**
* **Do they build off one another?**