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| **Summer Session – Ethics** |
| **Mr. Farshtey** |

**Ethics is the study of how we ought to live – a study that dates back to ancient civilizations.**

* **In one part of the course, we will discuss what ethics is and examine an assortment of important ethical theories.**
* **The second focus of the course will address practical problems in ethics that survey different subdivisions of ethics. Among other issues we will discuss animal rights and abortion from bioethics, and the problem of inequality from political / economic philosophy.**
* **The content and format of class meetings includes lecture, discussion, formal debate, group and individual research, movies and documentary videos.**

***BUT it will probably be different than most courses you have taken:***

1. **It does NOT involve reading assignments from a big (or small) textbook**
2. **It does NOT mean you have to try to memorize names, terms, theories and dates for tests**
3. **It DOES have the expectation that you can work independently**
4. **YOU have much more control over YOUR GRADE than the teacher 🡪 A major key to your success in this course will be keeping up with both the reading and the other assignments.**

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| **ALL ASSIGNMENTS – NOTES – CLASS PRESENTATIONS can be found on the class website:** |
| [**http://mrfarshtey.net**](http://mrfarshtey.net/) |

**EXPECTATIONS FOR HOMEWORK, CLASS PARTICIPATION, PROJECTS, QUIZ / TESTS**

**🡪 HOW YOU CONTROL YOUR GRADE:**

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| **GRADE** | **EXPECTATIONS / GRADING STANDARDS** |
| **AB / A** | **Tell me the grade you want** |
| **BC / B** | **in this course 🡪** |
| **CD / C** | **And I will tell you** |
| **D / F** | **What you need to do** |

**SHORT LIST OF CLASS RULES:**

1. **IF YOU DON’T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, ANYTIME 🡪 ASK QUESTIONS!!!!**
2. **UNLESS YOU ARE TOLD OTHERWISE, ALWAYS BRING YOUR LAPTOP TO CLASS.**