

## Reflective Writing Assignment

During this course, there have been several different things that I have engaged in that have given me a deepened or gained nuance from experience. The first is a better understanding of ethics and how they can apply in each situation. I now understand that the ethics of a situation is based on the individual involved in the situation. For example, a situation occurs where two of your classmates are involved in an argument, and you hear about it the next day. One classmate is using Deontology as their reasoning behind the argument, while the other classmate is using virtue ethics as their reasoning while you think contractarianism is the reason for it. There is no right or wrong answer, and it's based on the perspective of the individual/s and their moral belief and values.

The second thing that I gained nuance for was the fact that we must deal with the ethical choices we make every day. I recently made the choice of an ethic that was straight out of the "textbook" to help a family member. I decided to do something I knew was wrong, but I did it anyway because I felt the end/result would help better this family member's current situation. Since then, I now take time to consider all my options and think about the results and ethical responsibility in a situation before I decide to do something like that again. Although it wasn't illegal, it was a moral and ethical decision I could have considered further before doing it.

Finally, the last thing I would take away from this course is time management. I am 48 years old, one year retired from the military, and completing my first semester as a full-time student for the first time in 30 years. It may sound corny, but time management is a takeaway not just for this course but all my courses. I must balance my time between home life and school. It's easier when you don't have other responsibilities, but when you must choose whether to complete an assignment or take the wife to see the new "Black Panther" movie, the ethical reasons start to battle in my head of what is the right thing to do. Additionally, the ethical reasons for assignments being late. Being in the military, I tough, "if your early, you're on time, and if you're on time, your late," and it bothers me when I must turn in assignments late. I know sometimes there are things beyond my control, and sometimes I have to choose "the closest alligator to the boat" and put an assignment on hold to complete another or to prepare for a test, but it does bother me, and that is why time management is a takeaway for me because I still have ethical decisions to make when it comes to time management and I want to do better next semester.