

Assignment 4

Assigned reading

Waller, Bruce N. *Consider Ethics: Theory, Readings and Contemporary Issues*. 3rd ed. Toronto/Montreal: Pearson Longman, 2011.

Chapter 15 ,“The Death Penalty.”

Instructions

Write an argumentative essay of 1,250–1,500 words (5-6 pages), answering the following question:

In civil society, is there ever any moral justification for the death penalty? If so, when and why? If not, why not?

Support your argument by referring to one of the articles Waller includes, and defend your argument against the point of view expressed in the second article. To persuade your reader of the validity of your decision, choose **one** of the ethical theories discussed so far and argue from the point of view it presents.

If you choose to use outside sources as evidence to support your argument, they must be cited appropriately in the body of your essay and included in a bibliography at the end. You may cite your references in any one of the standard forms (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.).