

Readings

Helga Kuhse and Peter Singer, "What is Bioethics? A Historical Introduction," in *A Companion to Bioethics*, pp 1-11.

James Rachels, "Ethical Theory and Bioethics," in *A Companion to Bioethics*, pp 15-23.

Charles Rosenberg, "Meaning, Policies, and Medicine: On the Bioethical Enterprise and History," in *Bioethics and Beyond*, pp 27-46

Divide into three groups and pull out the main points of each author

Kuhse and Singer

- Historical ethics: benevolence, Christianity, moral basis of doctor-patient relationship
- Nursing ethics: power, feminist, switch from obedience to self-assertive
- How technology changed responsibility, who gets care; what is death.
- Bioethics as a field of study

Rachels

- How rationality is not universal thinking

Rosenberg

- Technical and sacred. The shift away from theology and church to secularization
- Paradox: medical institution and power; behavior in biology and minute control with minute gaze. Take over religious function.