

# **Is killing someone ever morally justifiable?**

## **Consider:**

- **Compare definition of killing and murder (think murder = unlawful killing therefore wrongful and immoral by definition)**
- **Objectivity of morals (are morals dependant on culture/ upbringing religion?)**
- **What about if it is a serial killer? Or serial rapist? Does the type of person they are make a difference?**
- **What about self defence. Kill or be killed?**
- **What are your thoughts on the death penalty? Would this possibly be socially acceptable? Could it also be morally acceptable? Think in terms of it as a deterrent, punishment/retribution, prevention of further crimes and closure and vindication?? What about killing innocent, value of life, free will of individual to do as he pleases?**
- **What does the bible say about murder and killing? Does it differentiate between the two?**
- **What about war? Does it make a difference if it is a Holy war? Intentions of war? Pacifism?**

- **How about Euthanasia – when a person is killed to be put out of suffering? Think is death always a bad thing? Human’s individual right? Best interests? All life sacred? Against will of God? Slippery slope?**
- **Honour crimes? – When a woman is killed because she has disgraced the honour of her family (12 happen each year in UK). A life without honour is not a life worth living...?**
- **Abortion? Rights of mother, father, baby? Right to life? Disability? Ability of fetus to thrive once born? After a rape? Gender equality?**
- **Suicide? Martyrdom? Assisted as above? Killing self when due to be executed? Hitler? Mentally stable? What about the people left behind?**