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The God perspective  
Utilitarianism and rights; Utilitarianism; A first look at rights; The idealized human perspective; Aristotle and virtue ethics; Kant and universalizability; Rawls and the ideal agent; The unidealized human perspective; Evolutionary ethics; Basic social contract theory; Moral libertarianism; Notes and selected sources; Definitions; Questions; Appendix: moral relativism; What's supposed to be relative?; Cultural relativism; Individual relativism/moral subjectivism; Notes and selected sources; Definitions; Questions; 6 Moral Theory: Readings  
Jeremy Bentham presents a classic statement of the principle of utility  
John Stuart Mill argues that there are higher and lower forms of happiness; Peter Singer discusses what ethics is and offers a justification for a utilitarian ethic; Immanuel Kant argues that ethics is based on "the categorical imperative"; John Rawls argues that from an original position of equality we would reject utilitarianism in favor of his two principles of justice; Robert Nozick discusses the moral principles behind his political libertarianism  
Jeremy Waldron discusses the concept of human rights and gives an argument for "welfare rights"  
Aristotle analyzes happiness as a life lived according to virtue; Jonathan Haidt discusses virtue ethics in the context of positive psychology; Jean Grimshaw discusses the idea of a female ethic, reviewing some contemporary writers on the subject; Simon Blackburn warns against confusions we should avoid if we read popular literature on ethics and evolution; George Lakoff describes two forms of Christianity that parallel two different models of the family  
James Rachels discusses "the challenge of cultural relativism"

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Sommario/riassunto

Contemporary Moral and Social Issues is a uniquely entertaining introduction that brings ethical thought to life. It makes innovative use of engaging, topically oriented original short fiction, together with classic and influential readings and editorial discussion as a means of helping students think philosophically about ethical theory and practical ethical problems. Introduces students to ethical theory and a range of practical moral issues through a combination of key primary texts, clear editorial commentary, and engaging, original fiction  
Includes discussion

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