

DISCUSS: The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas and Utilitarian Ethical Theory

Purpose

The purpose of this discussion is encourage you to evaluate and analyze the implications of the utilitarian theory by thinking about a case from fictional literature. Participating in this discussion will help you develop skill in expressing your own positions on difficult moral questions as well.

This assignment aligns with the following learning outcomes:

- Analyze and evaluate utilitarianism

Tasks

Please respond to the following prompt.

1. What do you think this story has to do with utilitarianism?
2. Would you have walked away from Omelas? Why or why not?
3. Are there any situations in our society that are similar to Omelas?

Criteria for Success

Follow these guidelines to be successful on this discussion.

- Read the assignment grading rubric carefully.
- Keep your first post under **200 words**.
- You have posted your response to the prompt above (due Sunday by 11:59pm).
- You have responded to at least two of your peers (due Tuesday 11:59pm).