



Reasoning with Ethics

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Ethics in action creates character.

Use this blog to:

1. Lead class discussions in social studies, civics, ethics or advisory classes.
2. Teach students skills to analyze cases with core ethical values.
3. Recognize skills in support of SEE's Tri-Factor Model of ethical functioning.

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Who is Alex Trebek?

Most Americans know that Alex Trebek is fighting pancreatic cancer while continuing to host the popular t.v. game show Jeopardy! The show has aired since 1964 with Mr. Trebek taking the host role in 1984. He made a public announcement of his diagnosis in March 2019 and stated his choice to battle the cancer and remain host of Jeopardy!

This past week, Trebek noted he had achieved the distinction of a one-year survivor. Medical statistics would say less than 20% of pancreatic cancer patients survive one year. In his video announcement, Trebek recognized the challenges he has faced along with the attacks of depression during the incapacitating treatments that made him wonder, "is it really worth fighting on?"

His video is linked below and is inspirational as he highlights the reasons he keeps fighting, which include loyalty to his wife, a responsibility to other cancer victims looking to him for hope and his faith in God.

In a culture where the value of life is often compromised in real-life and entertainment violence and as demonstrated in the high rate of youth suicide, exemplars for life are welcome. Mr. Trebek offers a case study of someone fighting for life when giving up might be perceived as an easier path.

Students are asked to review Trebek's statement and identify what core ethical values support his fight for life.

Additional Links

NBC News Story: <https://www.today.com/video/alex-trebek-shares-emotional-update-about-his-cancer-diagnosis-80053829863>

YouTube Link with full Trebek statement:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8c_mAxW7QI

THIS MAN HAS TAKEN A PUBLIC STAND TO BATTLE HIS CANCER TO HONOR HIS WIFE, SUPPORT OTHER CANCER VICTIMS AND AFFIRM THE VALUE OF LIFE.

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