# General Studies: Beliefs & Values The moral side of murder

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# Moral Reasoning

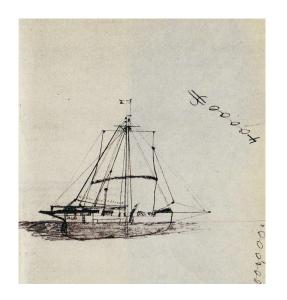
- Consequentialist –
   locates morality in the consequences of an act
- Categorical locates morality in certain duties or rights

#### **Utilitarianism**

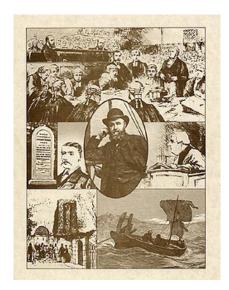
"the greatest good for the greatest number"

Jeremy Bentham, 18th Century English philosopher Maximize utility (balance of pleasure over pain, happiness over suffering)

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#### Questions Raised

- Do we have certain fundamental rights?
- ② Does a fair procedure justify any result?
- What is the moral work of consent?