Research and Reflection on Ethical Decision Making

Exercise #1 Pick 2 of the following theorists to research and briefly describe each one. You will then apply your research to your reflection paper.

- Piaget
- Kohlberg
- Gilligan
- Bynum

Exercise #2 Complete the online Judicial Education module on Personal Decision Making.

Exercise #3
Sometimes a decision is not clearly right versus wrong. There are many times in life where there is more than one right choice when approaching a decision. The question then becomes “which one is the most right?”

Develop a reflective, short answer statements regarding the each of the following topics. Reflect on the meaning of each topic and assess which topic in each category would be most important to you.

- Truth vs. Loyalty
- Individual vs. Community
- Short-term vs. Long-term
- Justice vs. Mercy

Exercise #4
Complete the following exercise in short essay form.
(Questions borrowed from the University of Delaware’s Ethics and Decision Making Seminar, ASJA International Conference 2008, Concurrent Session 2.)

1.) List five people you know (personally or anecdotally) who you think are very ethical.
2.) Why do you think they are ethical?
3.) List five people you know (personally or anecdotally) who you think are not very ethical.
4.) Why do you think they are not ethical?
5.) Which person (from those listed above) has had the most affect on you, ethically-speaking? Why?
6.) Describe a situation where you made an ethical decision that was influenced by someone else’s ethical standards.

Exercise #5
Develop a research/reflective paper based on the information gathered from Exercises #1 through #4.

Paper criteria: Your paper is to be the product solely of your own effort.

- Use either APA or MLA to cite your sources correctly.
- Your paper must have a cover page stating your name, student identification number, and the date it is being submitted to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- Your paper must be a minimum of five (5) computer-typed pages (not including the cover page). It must be double-spaced with a font size of 12 pt. and the font style must be Times. Your borders must be no larger or smaller than 1” on the top, bottom, left, and right sides.
- Your paper must be free of grammatical and typing errors.

Please take the time to properly prepare your paper for submission. If your paper does not meet the academic standards of how to write a paper properly, you will be asked to revise and/or redo the paper.