

# STUDENT HANDOUT 5.2

## Justify the Answer

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

**A strong justification should have the following components:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>A good justification includes:</b>	<b>Which means...</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	A DECISION	A position (claim) has been clearly stated. The decision relates directly to the ethical question.
<input type="checkbox"/>	FACTS	The facts and science content can be confirmed or refuted regardless of personal or cultural views. This can be used as evidence to support the claim.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS	Ethical considerations <b>may</b> include duties-based and outcomes-based ethical perspectives. This can be used as evidence to support the claim.
<input type="checkbox"/>	STAKEHOLDER VIEWS	There are a variety of views and interests in the decision and more than one individual or group will be affected by the outcome.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALTERNATE OPTIONS and REBUTTALS	No one decision will satisfy all parties. A thorough justification considers strengths and weaknesses of various positions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	REASONING and LOGIC	A logical explanation that connects the evidence to the claim is provided.

*For our purposes, the justification for the decision is more important than the position on the decision.*