

## Study Guide for Fundamentals of Ethics

### Chapter 9: Abortion

1. Describe the biological stages of fetal development as they relate to the question of developing personhood.
2. List and describe the common abortion procedures.
3. Distinguish between the legal and moral aspects of abortion.
4. Describe the essence and importance of Roe vs. Wade.
5. Present arguments for abortion that do not depend on the fetal-personhood issue and evaluate these arguments.
6. Discuss Judith Jarvis Thomson's position on the morality of abortion.
7. Discuss in detail the two methods one might employ in arguing a fetus is a person with moral status: the method that focuses on fetal development (Method I) and the method that focuses on the meaning of humanness (Method II.)
8. Formulate your own opinion about the morality of abortion.

### Key Terms

Embryo  
Consequences  
Moral Status  
Human Being

Fetus  
Fundamental Right  
Rights  
Person

Viability  
State Interest  
Analogy  
Potential