

## **Attitudes Toward Morality**

Ask questions about a character: Which term applies more closely with Ahab? Which to Ishmael?

**Philosophical**--attempts to consider question(s)/observation(s) from all perspectives without personal prejudices or preconceived attitudes.

**Theological**--considers question(s)/observation(s) from a preconceived attitude; religious viewpoint (all religious/spiritual concepts; generality); a particular religious viewpoint (Episcopalian, Baptists, etc.).

**Societal**--considers question(s)/observation(s) from the assumed dominant viewpoint of society-at-large, which is not enforceable by law, but which enforces by cultural acceptance/peer pressure/emotional appeals.

**Political**--considers question(s)/observation(s) from the stance of law; viewpoint is enforceable by law or sheer force.

**Self**--considers question(s)/observation(s) from the stance of the individual self; may respond emotionally or objectively or both; may rely on empirical knowledge or innate knowledge or both; may or may not attempt to prove his/her rightness; may or may not be opinion rather than fact.

Consider using these attitudes toward morality with the *-isms* list.