Engineering Ethics

Essential Question

What is the connection between ethics and inventions?

Ethics

 A generic term for several ways of examining the moral life

 A way of determining the "right", "wrong", and "gray" areas in society

 For example, you cannot accept gifts from certain companies to increase business.

• Why is this example an ethics violation?

Ethical Engineers are...

• Competent

• Responsible

 Places the safety of the public above all else

Why study ethics....

• Engineering solves problems

 Involves risk because of the gaps in knowledge



Examples

Watch the following video....

http://youtu.be/VF2mKavngHE





Example

In an effort to save time & money, the equipment was not tested in the cold temperatures. The cold temperatures that day caused the seals to fail and the shuttle to explode.

What are your thoughts?

Technology Debates

• Review the assignment on the website

• All work is due in two days



Conclusion....

• Do you think anyone purposely caused the disaster you researched?

• How can we prevent future disasters?