### Bioethics and Albert Sabin



#### What does bioethics mean?

- \* Ethics seeks to determine what a person should do, or the best course of action, and provides reasons why. It also helps people decide how to behave and treat one another.

  http://science.education.nih.gov/supplements/nihg/bioethics/guide/teacher/module-1-activities.pdf pg 8
- \* <u>Bioethics</u> is the study of ethical and philosophical implications of various biological and medical procedures, technologies, and treatments. <a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/bioethics">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/bioethics</a>

## Examples of Bioethical Issues

- \* Stem cell research
- \* Euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide
- \* Organ transplantation

\* What are some other examples of bioethical issues?

## **Bioethical Questions**

- \* How do we turn these issues into a question:
  - \* What or who should scientists test new medication on?
  - \* Should all students be required to get vaccines?
  - \* Should athletes be allowed to use performance enhancing drugs?

\* Brainstorm examples of bioethical questions

# Four Main Bioethical Questions

- 1. What is the ethical question?
- 2. What are the relevant facts?
- 3. Who or what will be affected by the outcome?
- 4. What are the relevant ethical considerations?
  - \* For example: Respect for people, harms and benefits, fairness, authenticity, & responsibility.

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