

Course Title: Contemporary Issues

Syllabus FA26

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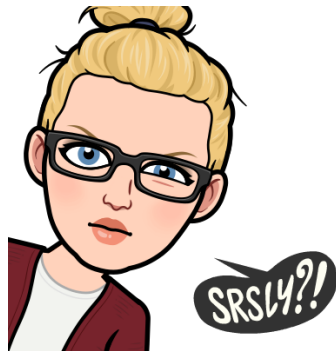
**The following information is subject to change due to protocol changes.



Classroom Rules and Expectations/Discipline Policy:

Great students will...

- enter/exit the classroom in an orderly manner.
- pay attention to announcements.
- turn in papers properly (with names).
- use class materials properly.
- turn in cell phones to the assigned caddy number.
- dispose of trash properly.
- take care of all needs before class begins.
- treat themselves and others with respect.
- work efficiently and follow deadlines.
- bring all materials to class.
- determine work missed during absences and turn it in by set deadlines.
- keep chromebooks charged.
- follow guidelines set in the student handbook.



Possible consequences...

- verbal reprimand
- disciplinary referral
- parent contact
- teacher discretion

Grading Policy:

Discussions/Presentations	50%
Research/Work	50%

Class Structure:

Students will utilize inquiry skills to evaluate issues that influence the world around them. Students will employ research techniques and class discussions to better comprehend and gauge significant current issues. Though Contemporary Issues is not strictly a current events class, students will research and analyze major current events on a weekly basis.

Make-up Work Policy:

Make-up work is accepted per board policy without penalty.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO RESCHEDULE and TURN IN MISSED ASSIGNMENTS and/or ASSESSMENTS.

Instructional Materials:

*Richland School will make instructional materials available for review within 10 days of a written parental request.

Classroom Curriculum:

The class schedule will largely depend on how events unfold over the course of the year. Many of the standards will likely be addressed before the end of the first semester.

Major Standards:

- i. Geography
(CI.01-CI.06)
- ii. History
(CI.07-CI.11)
- iii. Politics
(CI.12-CI.17)
- iv. Culture
(CI.18-CI.27)

Possible Topics to cover:

1. News and media
2. Cultural change and conflict
3. Globalization
4. Historical roots to modern issues
5. Terrorism
6. Natural and manmade disasters
7. Civil liberties
8. Social/Religious controversies
9. Politics and elections
10. Economics
11. Pop culture
12. Discrimination
13. Other local, national, and international controversial topics and current events