

CURRENT ISSUES

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Current Issues is a Junior/Senior elective that uses current internet media sources to instruct students on political, international, economic, social and moral issues of the day.

GOALS:

1. To utilize internet research skills on contemporary topics.
2. To use critical thinking and value assessment.
3. To re-evaluate the constantly changing world political systems.
4. To understand and appreciate the important contributions made by the people in the past toward the growth and development of the heritage and traditions of people today.
5. To evaluate world economic systems and the effect on social/political groups.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- One (1) three (3) ring binder.
(All daily class work will be put into the binder.)

GRADING:

1. Attendance in class with binder. (5%)
Attendance in class without binder. (2.5%)
2. Daily assignments. (50%)
Tasks:
 - a. Website: www.nytimes.com/learning/student
 - b. Read top two (2) articles:
 1. Write a brief 50 word report about the first article.
 2. Write a brief 50 word reflection about the first article.
 3. Write a brief 50 word report about the second article.
 4. Write a brief 50 word reflection about the second article.
 - c. Take the “Daily Quiz” (May need to find the related article to get the correct information.)
 - d. Read the “Word of the Day” and use it in your own sentence.
 - e. PRINT OUT (tasks b, c, & d) and have it checked as done.
 - f. Put into BINDER.

3. Completion of work. (42%)
 - a. FULL CREDIT: “Daily assignment: Tasks.”
 - b. LESS THAN FULL CREDIT: “Daily assignment: Tasks.”
4. Extra-credit accumulated, if time permits during class. (3%)
 - a. Do “Test Prep Question” and print out. (Half credit.)
 - b. Do “Science Quiz and Answer” then print out. (Half credit.)
5. ABSENT (not in school) student may send the “Daily Assignment: Tasks:” in for credit. Use the following Website address www.bshuster@shslions.com .