



Contemporary Studies

Room 104

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Course Description

Contemporary Studies examines the interactions between the United States and the world from 1914 to present day. This course will provide a venue for students to examine factors that influence changing political and economic relationships and foreign policies between the United States and its world neighbors. The influence of world events on the individual citizen and the reciprocal impact of an individual citizen's actions, in the democratic process, on world events will be emphasized.

Objective

Students completing this course should be able to sequence, make inferences, and critically examine modern political and social events with greater clarity, having a foundational understanding of the historical factors now influencing modern American society.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend class regularly. Exposure to the opinions of others is a byproduct of group discussion, and is an essential part of applying course content in the modern world. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the topics, vocabulary terms, articles and readings presented during their absence.

BASES Points

In accordance with Putnam County Schools policy, each course must include BASES assessment for communication and work ethic. Each of these elements constitute 10% of a student's grade. Regular school attendance and classroom participation are essential if students are to be successful.

Bags & Devices

Contributing to the classroom discussion is an imperative part of the learning process. Unfortunately, it is impossible to focus on the contributions of others when preoccupied with the plethora of temptations available elsewhere. In accordance with school policy (as stated in the student handbook), bags, purses, backpacks, headphones, earbuds, and similar items are not permitted in the classroom. All you need is a pen or pencil.

Restroom Use

I am not the bathroom police, and I do not intend to count your trips to the bathroom. However, I will NEVER leave class during class time - hence, I do not go to the bathroom during class time. If I can wait until break or lunch, I expect you to do the same. Emergencies happen, but there is no excuse for leaving every day. Only 1 person may be out at any time. Hall pass is required. If I see that you are leaving too often, we will discuss it individually.

Online Resources - www.pitzersclass.com

All readings and related materials for this course are listed on the website. Reading assignments may be downloaded and saved as a PDF for offline viewing.

**This syllabus, and all assignments, policies, and procedures herein, is tentative.
I reserve the right to make changes as I deem necessary for successful instruction.**
