

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES 2: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Course Description

This course will explore current international issues and how they affect the global society. Students will develop their critical thinking skills as they explore topics including international aid, global warming, and the HIV/AIDS crisis. Throughout the course, students will have ample opportunities to develop and further their knowledge of these topics, as well as discuss their own ideas, opinions, beliefs, and solutions. As a culminating activity, the students will complete an independent inquiry project on the international topic of their choice.

Prerequisite

None

Credit Requirement Area

Social Studies

Learning Objectives

- Students will investigate and analyze controversial topics and gather appropriate factual evidence from both sides of the topic.
- Students will compare the point of view of two or more authors and analyze how they view the same issue.
- Students will communicate their opinion on controversial topics and international problems in formal writing.
- Students will generate and evaluate solutions to current international problems.
- Students will evaluate information from multiple sources to address a question or solve a problem.

Suggested Weekly Schedule

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
1	Assignment 1: Fact vs Opinion	Monday of Week 1	25%
	Assignment 2: Problem Solving Skills Practice - Population Growth	Tuesday of Week 1	25%
	Assignment 3: Evidence Practice 1 - Sports	Thursday of Week 1	25%
	Assignment 4: Evidence Practice 2 - Smoking	Friday of Week 1	25%
Week 1 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
2	Assignment 1: Foreign Aid Pre-Read	Monday of Week 2	20%
	Assignment 2: For Foreign Aid	Tuesday of Week 2	20%
	Assignment 3: Against Foreign Aid	Wednesday of Week 2	20%
	Assignment 4: Foreign Aid Pro Con Worksheet	Thursday of Week 2	20%
	Assignment 5: Foreign Aid Position Paper	Friday of Week 2	20%
Week 2 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
3	Assignment 1: Global Warming Pre-Read	Monday of Week 3	20%

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
	Assignment 2: Global Warming Article Questions	Tuesday of Week 3	20%
	Assignment 3: Global Warming Problem Identification	Wednesday of Week 3	20%
	Assignment 4: Global Warming Problem Solutions	Thursday of Week 3	20%
	Assignment 5: Global Warming Letter to the Editor	Friday of Week 3	20%
Week 3 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
4	Assignment 1: AIDS Pre-Read	Monday of Week 4	20%
	Assignment 2: 5 W's of AIDS	Tuesday of Week 4	20%
	Assignment 3: AIDS Problem Identification	Wednesday of Week 4	20%
	Assignment 4: AIDS Problem Solutions	Thursday of Week 4	20%
	Assignment 5: AIDS Letter to the Editor	Friday of Week 4	20%
Week 4 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
5	Assignment 1: Inquiry Questions Worksheet	Wednesday of Week 5	50%
	Assignment 2: Website Evaluation Worksheet	Friday of Week 5	50%
Week 5 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
6	Final Inquiry Project	Friday of Week 6	100%
Week 6 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			17%
WEIGHTED TOTAL			100%