

Contemporary Global Issues
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Classroom Policies and Expectations

Notebooks/Journals: Students will need to keep an up-to-date classroom notebook that focuses on the topics and discussions of the day. All handouts and articles will be three-hole punched and should be kept as well. One three-ring binder that can include in-class notes, articles, and assignments probably works best.

Text: Our in-class textbook, *Current Issues*, will help shape our discussions and guide our focus. In addition to this text, copies of *Newsweek* and *U.S. News and World Report*, as well as articles from *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Time Magazine*, will help throughout the semester. Throughout the third quarter, we will focus on domestic issues, and during the fourth quarter, our focus will shift to international situations. In addition to knowledge of current issues facing the U.S. and the World, an understanding of world geography will also be examined.

Grades: Class work/Homework assignments will be graded on a 10-point scale. Quizzes will always be announced and will count approximately 50 points. Projects will occur throughout the semester and will count 50-100 points. Reaction Papers will occur twice in the semester and will count 100 points.

Your overall course grade will be made up of your class work/homework grades and your quiz/project/reaction paper grades all added together, and then divided by the total amount of points possible.

Absences: Try your best not to miss class. If you do miss class, all worksheets, handouts, and paperwork will have your name on it and be in our class folder. See me when you return. Get the notes as soon as possible from a friend or see me for the class notebook.

Make-Up Work: The grade book is available to you at any time to check for missing assignments or missing quizzes/projects/papers. It's up to you to make sure work is completed and passed in.

Deadlines: Late assignments never receive full-credit. One letter grade is deducted for any assignment that is not in on time. Late papers are accepted, however once we have an assessment (quiz/paper/project) on the material, the assignments cannot be made up and a zero will go in the grade book. Don't procrastinate because you'll fall behind quickly.

Any questions...just ask. I look forward to a great semester with all of you.