

Social Issues Fundamentals

2021-2022

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Materials

- Folder
- Pencils/Pens
- Highlighter
- Computer
- Assignment tracking system

Homework

Assignments will be posted and/or submitted in Schoology. Class time is allotted to review, write down, and ask questions about the assignment.

Assessment

Tests and quizzes will always be announced in advance. No surprise or unexpected assessments. A review sheet and/or review activities will be provided in preparation for quizzes and tests. If an unsatisfactory grade is earned (69% or lower), students are given an opportunity to earn a replacement grade.

Grading

Final grades comprise of a combination of assessments, participation, and in-class independent and cooperative activities. All grades are posted in Schoology.

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Units of Study

- ❖ Unit 1: Developing Essential Skills
 - Cooperative discussion skills
 - Fact vs. opinion
 - Media literacy

- ❖ Unit 2: Government & Citizenship
 - Review of Bill of Rights, Constitution
 - State and local government
 - Civic participation/action
 - Political parties
 - Voting

- ❖ Unit 3: Domestic Policy
 - Health care
 - Public education
 - Taxes
 - Social security
 - Environmental protection/laws
 - Welfare programs
 - Gun control
 - Affirmative action
 - Drug control

- ❖ Unit 4: Foreign Policy
 - Terrorism
 - Immigration
 - Trade

- ❖ Unit 5: Other Modern American Issues
 - Juvenile justice
 - Death penalty
 - Free speech
 - Privacy