

Mr. Turner's Current Events Syllabus

This course is designed to help students become aware of and understand the events that shape our world, nation, state, and local area. This will be done through reading, video, lecture, discussion, research, and personal experience.

Supplies

You will need to buy some type of a notebook for my class.

Expectations:

1. Be in the room – or front of my room - before the bell rings.
2. Bring all necessary materials with you to class.
 - a. Such as: pens, pencils, your notebook, your book, highlighters, glue stick, or anything else you will need for this class.
3. Please watch your language. I am fully aware that some of you may cuss like sailors outside of the classroom but please refrain from that in the classroom. I'll usually warn you the first time, as I understand sometimes accidents happens but I will toss you for profanity.
4. Be ready to work by yourself or with your fellow classmates. Have an open mind about what we are doing in class. Be ready to express yourself in a positive way. Remember this is current events; we will take about foreigners frequently. View them with respect.
5. You know the rule on cell phones. If I see it I take it, if it goes off I take it. This is your warning.
6. You may bring food and drinks to my class. Please do not make a mess. If you do spill clean it up! If you want to go get something to drink before class, please tell me so I know where you are.
7. This is my pet peeve but I will not allow you to spit into my trashcans. If you have to spit please ask to go the bathroom.
8. You are allowed to retake all quizzes. You are allowed only ONE retake for each though. If you retake a quiz it will be on your time, either study hall or before or after school.
9. Do not let me catch you copying. I hate it! If I catch you sometimes I will grab your paper and throw it away in front of the class. Sometimes I just write down a zero in my grade book and never tell you. Most of you are not as slick as you think you are. There is a difference between working in a group and letting one person do all the work and then copying.
10. All notes will be done together for class on the board. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get the notes that you missed. You will be allowed to use your notes on your final but not on your test.

Assignments:

We will watch CNN student news at least 2 times a month plus some excerpts from NBC nightly news. At least, once a week there will be an in class reading on an article in the New York Times. We will touch on social issues such as: school safety, Black Lives Matter, Gender Inequality, Income Inequality, Overbearing parenting and more through documentaries and discussion

Grades will be based on the following types of assignments:

Newspaper or Magazine articles Write -Ups

Discussion participation

Response Pages 1 Page.