**Instructor: Joe Jellison (jellison\_j@hcde.org/joe.jellison@gmail.com, 423-886-0880 ext. 397)**

**Course Description:** Students will use inquiry skills to examine the issues that impact the contemporary world. Included in the course will be analysis of the historical, cultural, economic, and geographic factors that have raised certain issues to levels of concern in our nation and around the globe. Students will engage in research and problem solving in order to better understand and assess significant current issues.

**Some Topics Covered (tentative):**

1. Current events (local, state, nation, and international)

2. The role of terrorism in the United States and around the world

3. Human Rights v. Legal Rights

4. History of civil disobedience and the impact it has on us today

5. Life and death (Abortion and Euthanasia)

6. The role of social media

7. Censorship v. Freedom

8. Government and Politics

9. Assess the effectiveness of the death penalty

10. History of the Holocaust and the impact it has on us today

11. Homelessness on the home front

**Classroom Mission**: *The mission of this classroom is to develop inquiry learners to argue and defend current issues in our contemporary world.*

**Required Materials:**

1. 3 ring binder (2”) with 4 tab dividers

-First tab should be labeled **Current Events**, second tab **Notes**, third tab **Projects**, and fourth tab **Seminars/Debates**

3. Pencils

4. Notebook paper

**Grading Scale**:

A = 93-100 C = 75-84

B = 85-92 D = 70-74 F = 69 or below

**Evaluation**:

Classwork/Homework = 40%

Quizzes = 10%

Seminars/Debates = 20%

Tests/Projects/Papers = 30%

\*The Semester Exam will count 20% of your Semester grade.

**Class Expectations**:

1. Be respectful to everyone and everything.

2. Be prepared for class. Turn assignments in on time.

3. Do not be late. Be in your seat when the bell rings.

4. Participate in class discussions.

5. Always bring your “A” game.

**Academic Integrity:**

The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Cheating will not be tolerated at the school. It is imperative that you take responsibility for your own work. If you fail to do this, you will receive a zero on that particular assignment and a phone call to your parents/guardians.

**Other Important Notes**

* Food and water/coffee is fine in the classroom. Please no sodas or messy foods.
* No cell phones during instructional time. **Cell phones will be taken up if they are out during instructional time. I mean business here!!**
* I will be here everyday at 7:00am and after school every day until 2:45pm.
* If you are absent, please go to the make-up work plastic bins to get your work. You have **5** school days to make up the work with no deduction.
* To receive full credit on assignments, they must be turned in on time. If not, I will deduct 10% off your assignment grade for each additional day it is not turned in.
* Assignments will be posted on PowerSchool and ManageBac. Please check assignments daily.
* Please use the “classroom sign out log” on the red clipboard when leaving the classroom.

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**Due Monday, August 14th**

***Honors Contemporary Issues***

***Teacher: Mr. Jellison***

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