

**Jefferson County High School  
Course Syllabus**

**A. Course Contemporary Issues**

**B. Department Social Studies**

**C. 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.

**D. Grade Term 9 Weeks**

**E. Grading Scale**

<u>Range</u>		<u>Regular</u>
93-100	A	4.0
85-92	B	3.0
75-84	C	2.0
70-74	D	1.0

**F. Term Dates**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks August 5, 2016 – October 7, 2016
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks October 8, 2016 – December 16, 2016
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks January 5, 2017 – March 15, 2017
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks March 16, 2017 – May 25, 2017

**G. Other Resources**

- a. Odysseyware

**H. Major Assignments**

- a. End of Course Oral Presentation

**I. Procedures for Parental Access to Instructional Materials**

- a. Aspen Parent Portal
- b. Instructor's Website
- c. Email Instructor
- d. Parent Teacher Conference
  - a. There are two designated conference dates during the school year. Parents who would like to request additional meetings may make appointments for conferences with the teachers (during their planning periods), counselors, or a principal by telephoning the school office.

**J. Field Trips**

- a. Any schedule fieldtrip will have a definite educational purpose and will reflect careful planning. Signed permission forms will be obtained when an off campus trip is planned.

**K. Standards & Objectives**

- a. I Can Statement Scope & Sequence

