

NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

CURRENT EVENTS

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:	Using newspapers, weekly news magazines, news TV, and the Internet we will look at events that share our world locally, nationally, and earthily. The student will work independently as well as in small groups to delve into the backgrounds of breaking and on going news stories. The student should have the skills to analyze and think critically. The ability to work independently is essential for success.
MAJOR COURSE GOALS:	<p>The major goal of this class is to get students interested in what is happening in the world around them. It is also important for the students to understand the effect certain events will have on the local, state, national and global societies. At the completion of this course students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather Information• Understand Information• Analyze Issues• Draw and Justify Conclusions• Organize and Communicate Information• Think and Communicate Critically• Learn and Consider Issues collaboratively• Learn Independently• Create Knowledge• Act Ethically <p>Common Core Standards for Social Studies:</p> <p>Students will be able to site specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole. (Common Core Reading Standard 1)</p> <p>Students will be able to use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information. (Common Core Writing Standard 6)</p>
COURSE ASSESSMENT PLAN:	Daily class lectures and discussion will be conducted to help show competency in the subject area. Homework will be assigned regularly. These assignments may include but are not limited to: questions, essays, readings, and discussions. Quizzes will be given weekly. These quizzes

	can be multiple choice, short answer or essay. Chapter tests will be given at the completion of each chapter. These tests can be multiple choice, short answer, essay, or project based. The final exam will be a comprehensive project.
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS NEEDED:	Copies of the <u>Wall Street Journal</u> will be provided for each student in the class. News articles from various other sources (<u>Newsweek</u> , <u>Time</u> , CNN, Fox News, <u>USA Today</u> and MSN) will be provided to each student regularly. You will also need a notebook and writing utensil.
EXTRA HELP:	If you need extra help, need to take a test or quiz, or have questions or comments about the class, I am available at 7:00 before school. I will be available after school until 3:15. I am also available during my prep period which is 5 th hour.
INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY:	Every student learns differently, therefore several different teaching strategies will be used in this class. Each day when you enter the room there will be a quote, chart, question, fact, or picture for you go think about. This will be related to the subject area of the day. Attendance will be taken and homework will be collected immediately. If you are unexcused tardy and are not in your desk when I collect homework, you will receive a zero. Information will be given through a PowerPoint, discussion, in-class activity or debate. At the end of each hour there will be a brief review of the information presented that day. There will also be time for students to ask questions or raise concerns.
MAJOR COURSE PROJECTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:	Readings- selected from various sources, will be assigned throughout the semester. It is your responsibility to have readings completed before the class period. Tests and quizzes- you will be held responsible for all material assigned and covered in this class. You will always have at least three days notice before any test. Quizzes may or may not be announced. If you are absent (excused) on the day a test or quiz is given you will make it up upon your return to class. If your absence is one related to a school activity (sports, field trip, etc.), you need to take your test or quiz before you go. If you are unexcused, you do not get to make up tests, quizzes, or homework. Homework- No late assignments will be accepted! If you are absent (excused), you have as many days as you were gone to make up your work. For example, if you are gone two days, you have two days to hand in homework to receive credit. Participation- You are expected to participate in class discussions and in small groups. Points may or may not be assigned for participation. Attendance is important! When you are not in class you miss out on lectures, discussions, speakers and movies.
CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:	You are expected to be in your assigned seat everyday when the bell

	rings. If you are not in your seat, you will be marked tardy.
HOMEWORK POLICY AND GRADING SCALE:	Homework will be assigned on a regular basis. No late homework assignments will be accepted! Daily 5 points participation will be available for contributing to the class discussion. There is no set number of points at which we will arrive by the end of the semester. Grades will be put into Skyward in a timely manner. We will follow the grading scale listed in your handbook. You may come in to discuss you grade before or after school, never during class.
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