

Grade 12 International Issues Curriculum Overview

Description (including primary objectives and outcomes):

Students will examine a variety of current international issues with the focus on the impact the issue has on our nation and the global community. Students are challenged to recognize relationships between history and current issues, analyze and evaluate multiple perspectives on an issue, engage in informed discussions, and collaborate to develop solutions that will be best for the United States and the global community.

Learning Experiences:

This course is student centered and encourages active participation in daily class discussion and debate. Students will develop power point presentations on assigned issues for each unit, create PSA's on a global environmental issues to be aired on the morning news, will write to their state and national senators/representatives about a global issue of their choice, and will participate in a UN Model Option Exercise at the close of each unit to share and debate solutions to global issues.

Content Outline:

- I. Responding to Terrorism
- II. Global Environmental Issues
- III. Nuclear Energy
- IV. Genocide
- V. Poverty and The Global Economy

Resources Used:

This course is based on Brown University's The Choices Program. Additional text from newspapers and magazines as well as media coverage of international issues will be examined during the course.

