
PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: GLOBAL OUTLOOKS

Course Overview and Essential Skills

This course will focus on one's role as an individual within the global community. Students will integrate cultural elements, communication, and comparisons to analyze and research global cultures and language. Additionally, students will examine their own culture and language.

Course Textbook and Required Materials

- There is no textbook for this course. The class will utilize articles from various approved news sources.
- *Language Matters* with Bob Holman. PBS documentary.
- Students are suggested to have a binder or folder, a small notebook for notes, and a pen or pencil.

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Concepts/Skills/Resources	Timeframe
Language and Culture	Define language and culture Material and Non-Material culture Preservation of language Cultural influences on language development Language Matters – PBS Documentary Unit Quiz Cultural Comparisons Research Project	4 weeks
Origin of American English	Origin of the English language Cognates and Loan words Prescriptivism vs. Descriptivism American Dialects Unit Quiz American Dialect Research Project	4 weeks
Language and Stereotypes	Language, Dialect, and Perception Stereotypes and Bias Linguistic Profiling Stereotypes in media Conlangs and the creation of culture Unit Quiz	4 weeks
English as a Lingua Franca	Lingua Francas and Official Languages The Influence of Technology on Language English as an Official Language Debate	2 weeks
Culture in Business	International Law	3 weeks

and Diplomacy	The Influence of Culture on Diplomacy International Agencies Culture and Current Events International Etiquette International Programs and Study Abroad Unit Quiz	
Final and Review	Final Research Project and Presentations	2 weeks

**Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*