

Current Issues Syllabus

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Welcome to Current Issues! As a citizen of the United States it is your responsibility to be an informed citizen. The goal of this class is to develop and instill that responsibility. A large part of being an informed citizen is keeping up on the news (local, state, national, and world). Each year we become more and more connected to the rest of the world so it's increasingly important that we monitor global affairs as well as what's going on in the U.S. Below is a general schedule we will follow on a weekly basis.

Monday

"Meet the Press Mondays" – Each Monday we will watch "Meet the Press." This show airs Sunday mornings on NBC. It generally discusses the current political news of the week as well as other current affairs. You will write a reaction/analysis paper after each episode.

Tuesday

"Topic of the Week" – Each week we will discuss a new topic. We will be in the computer lab each Tuesday answering discussion questions on the ANGEL website.

Wednesday

"Nightly News" – Each Wednesday we will view and discuss various nightly news programs from the major networks. Students should be prepared to discuss major events.

Thursday

"News Portfolio" – In this class you will be required to keep a portfolio of news events. We will use the Omaha World Herald, and other news sources to complete this project. Thursdays will be workdays to complete this portfolio. It will be collected each quarter. Specific requirements will be handed out in class.

Friday

"Newsbowl" – This is a weekly news quiz game that we will participate in on Fridays. It covers a range of topics from National & World News to Sports & Entertainment. We will also have a weekly quiz on Friday covering the week's events.