**SS11 EXPLORATIONS AT A GLANCE**

This course is designed so as to introduce students to a range of course and academic offerings that include: 20th Century World History, Politics, Law & Government and Human Geography. Students will hone skills in research, writing & communication with a particular focus on critical & creative thinking.

**UNIT I: POLITICS, GOVERNMENT & LAW**

**Comparative Studies in Politics, Gov’t & Law**

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**Broad Focus Questions (Learning Outcomes)**

1. How does the political spectrum work?

2. What are our power structures (including Constitutions) and how do these affect the kind of society we live in?

2. Is Democracy the best system of gov’t?

3. How can Canadians make change at different levels of government, and what needs changing?

4. How are federal and provincial (and other) governments formed in Canada & the USA?

5. What role do mainstream and social media play in my understanding of political debate and discourse in Canada/USA?

**Assessment Summary**

Assignment #1: Political Parties Webquest

Quiz #1: Political Ideologies & Political Parties

Assignment #2: Canada’s Gov’t & Political System

Assignment #3: Media Bias

Essay #1: One Pager (Selected Topics)

Quiz #2: Politics, Government & Law

**UNIT II: 20TH CENTURY WORLD HISTORY**

**Revolution/Nationalism/War/Genocide**

**Broad Focus Questions (Learning Outcomes)**

1. What role has nationalism had in disrupting the peace and inciting conflict during the early 20th Century?

2. To what extent was the Russian Revolution a consequence of Tsarism? Marxism? Leninism? Stalinism? Was the revolution a success in Russia?

3. What are the causes of the Second World War?

4. How did war impact social, political, economic, military & technological change mid-20th century?

5. To what extent were crimes against humanity and war crimes a common feature of conflict in WWII?

**Assessment Summary**

Assignment #4: Treaty of Versailles

Assignment #5: Rise of Nazism

Quiz #3 – Fascism Quiz

Assignment #6: Russian Revolution Timeline

Essay #2: Stalin: Builder or Destroyer? (One Pager)

Quiz #4: Russia in Revolution

Assignment #7: WWII Turning Points

Quiz #5: WII (Europe & Pacific Theatres)

**UNIT III: 20TH CENTURY WORLD HISTORY**

**Postwar/Decolonization/Mideast/China**

**Broad Focus Questions (Learning Outcomes)**

1. What are the origins of the ‘Cold War?’

2. To what extent was the US policy of containment successful? In Europe? In Asia? In the Americas?

3. To what extent was colonialism responsible for the social, economic and political problems in the developing world?

4. To what extent do the challenges of the historiography of the Arab-Israeli conflict inform our understanding of the Middle East?

5. How did the revolution(s) in China differ under the leadership of Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping?

**Assessment Summary**

Assignment #8: Propaganda Poster

Assignment #9: the Cuban Missile Crisis

Quiz #5: the Cold War, 1945-63

Assignment #10: Decolonization Chart Organizer

Assignment #11: the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Assignment #12: the Rise of China

Essay #3: One Pager (Selected Topics)

Quiz #6: Decolonization, the Mideast & China

**UNIT IV: HUMAN GEORGRAPHY**

**Demographics/Standards of Living/ Enviro**

**Broad Focus Questions (Learning Outcomes)**

1. Population Issues – Are there limits to growth?

2.How does Canada compare with developing countries in terms of living standards, poverty, and human development?

3. What are nature of the environmental challenges facing Canadians, especially global warming, ozone layer depletion, and water supply?

4. What are some ways to address local and global issues like regional disparity, urban sprawl, the Covid-19 crisis, and sustainable development?

**Assessment Summary**

Assignment #13: Population Concepts & Issues

Assignment #14: Demographic Studies Project

Assignment #15: Environmental Issues

Quiz #5: Human Geography

**Course Evaluation**

Participation 10%

Assignments, Projects, Essays 45%

Quizzes 25%

Final Exam 20%

\*\*\*Subject to slight variation, but consider this a final draft of what you will be learning in this course along with the kind of assessments you will do.