**Social Studies 10: Social Organizations**

**Course Outline**

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"Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." George Santayana

Your knowledge and skills will be assessed through a variety of activities and assignments. This continuous evaluation provides opportunities for student development and improvement

Current Events 10%

Course Assignments/Projects 45%

Exams/Quizzes 30%

CFD- Final Assessment 15%

TOTAL= 100%

**Important Dates**

* Progress Reports 🡪 March 26, May 15
* Parent Teacher Conferences 🡪 April 3
* Course Finalization Date 🡪 June 20

**Course Description**

**Unit I**- Political Decision Making: Decision making is a fundamental aspect of people's lives. The objective of this unit is to introduce students to the way democracies organize themselves to make and carry out decisions for society.

**Unit II**-Ideology and the Decision Making Process: Decision Making involves a process of deciding what is important and worthwhile. Ideologies provide frames of reference that people use in making judgments about what should or should not be done. Students will examine the ideologies of conservatism, liberalism, and socialism and their role in the political process.

**Unit Ill**- Economic Decision Making: Students are introduced to the problem of scarcity. They will examine how individuals and societies make decisions about using scarce resources in ways which will create a high standard of living for members of the society.

**Unit IV** -International Economic Organizations: Nations, rich or poor, large or small, if they wish to have a high standard of living, must trade with other nations. Students will examine the concept of international trade and how it affects the economic well-being of Canadians

**Unit V** -International Political Organizations: Nation states are determined to protect their security

from threats within and outside of the state. Students will study the concepts of balance of power and collective security to appreciate the problems involved in both protecting national sovereignty and living in an increasingly interdependent world.

**Classroom Expectations**

**What do I need to bring to class each day?**

* I prepare for this class and so should you. Every day, you should be seated in class before the bell. You should bring to class:
  + a pen or pencil to write with
  + your binder for classroom activities
  + your student day-planner
  + a text of your choice to silently read (magazine, novel, or newspaper)
  + other items, as requested by the teacher

**What if I am late for or absent from class?**

* If you are late for class, silently enter the classroom, close the door behind you, and silently take a seat.
* If you are absent for class, it is YOUR responsibility to find out what you have missed. I will not track you down and ask you to complete assignments. You should check the handout folder, check the blog, ask a friend, or send me a tweet to find out what you have missed.
* If you are absent for a quiz or exam, you will be expected to write it during the first class of your return.

**What is the device policy?**

* If you would like to use your cellphone, laptop, tablet, iPad etc. please show me the device beforehand, explain what the device will be used for and if it is appropriate, you will be given permission. If at any time you choose to abuse the use of your device (texting, Facebook, games etc.) you will lose these privileges permanently.

**What is the assignment submission policy for class?**

* Assignments are due at the START of class (this is prior to silent reading). Please hand in the assignment and all required elements in the “Hand In” basket. You MUST have your name on the assignment (or marks may be deducted). Assignment due dates are posted in the classroom and on the blog.

**No Food or Drink**

* Please do not bring food or drinks (water is allowed) into the classroom. Even if unintentional, they can make an unnecessary, sticky mess. Also, due to allergies of fellow students let’s just steer clear of these issues and not have food/drinks in class.

**No backpacks or bags allowed in the classroom**

* Please use your locker and leave your backpack or bag in there at all times.

**Questions? Just ask!**

**SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**MILLER STUDENT AGENDA:** Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Miller Student Agenda. Be familiar with all policies and procedures (attendance policy, dress code, technological policies etc) You must have your agenda on you at all times. You must have YOUR agenda in order to leave the classroom

**ASSIGNMENTS:** All assignments are due at the beginning of class (typed, email, hand-written) If an assignment is late you will receive a 20% deduction off of your total mark. You will then have 3 days to complete the assignment and submit it. If the assignment is not submitted within the 3 day period a grade of zero (NHIO) will be given for the assignment.

* If an extension is needed you must discuss it with your teacher at least 24 hours prior to the due date.
* Assignments not turned in due to unexcused absences will receive a zero.
* Furthermore there will be no re-writes or bonus assignments given.

**ASSESSMENTS:** Students will have an opportunity to complete assessments missed due to EXCUSED ABSENCES (an absence excused within 24 hours of the absence), within three school days or, at the teacher’s discretion, with no deduction of marks.

Assessments not completed due to UNEXCUSED ABSENCES (an absence not excused within 24 hours of the absence) will receive a zero.

There is ZERO tolerance for cheating on assignments, exams, quizzes and any assessments. A mark of 0% is issued upon the offense.

Plagiarism is using someone else’s work and claiming that it is your own. There is ZERO tolerance of plagiarism. Any assignment that is plagiarized (or copied from another student…that is still plagiarism) will result in a mark of 0%. The instance will be reported to administration, student services and a parent/guardian. It is a serious offense and should not be taken lightly.

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY:** To excuse your absences or lates, your parent or guardian must notify the office within 24 hours of the absence or late.

It is the attendance practice of the Regina Catholic High Schools that if you have 15 or more excused/unexcused absences or lates, you must be removed from the class. Teacher contact will be made with a parent/guardian between one and four unexcused absences and/or lates.