**Current Events**

**Edsel Ford High School**

**Mr. Kotsogiannis**

**Syllabus**

Course Description:

This class will give us the opportunity to examine issues in the world around us on a local, state, national, and global level. Our investigations will allow us to think more deeply about the significance of current events, leading us to an understanding from a historical perspective, while we are enabled to make connections to larger issues and trends.

Student Objectives:

* Construct a working mental map of geographical locations around the world, the nation and the state.
* Cover a wide range of subjects and connect to all areas of the curriculum.
* Build language, vocabulary, reading comprehension, critical thinking, problem solving, oral expression, and listening skills.
* Develop informed citizens and lifelong learners.
* Understand bias and its effects on the understanding of world events.
* Provide opportunities for cooperative-group instruction, classroom

discussion and purposeful follow-up writing

CLASSROOM RULES:

* Be on time. When the bell rings you should be in your seat.
* Be prepared. Always have your binder, pen, pencil, paper.
* Participate. Express your thoughts and opinions and ask questions.
* Be respectful. Listen to others, speak when it is appropriate and treat yourself and those around you with respect. Your personal honor, pride, and integrity are valuable things.
* Challenge yourself. Push yourself and stretch the boundaries of your mind.

ATTENDANCE:

* If you are absent, you are responsible for all work you miss. You will be given one day for each day you are absent to make up the work. Any missed assessments must be completed within **five days** of your return to school. Prolonged absences will be handled on an individual basis.
* The current attendance policy will be enforced.

GRADING:

* All class work, assignments, and tests will be based on a system of points. The following grading scale will be used:

93-100=A 90-92=A- 89-88=B+ 87-83=B 82-80=B- 79-78=C+ 77-73=C 72-70=C- 69-68=D+ 67-63=D 62-60=D- Below 60%=E

Class Website and Blog:

The address for the class website is: <http://pkotsogiannis.weebly.com>

You will find all class materials, assignments, due‐dates, etc, posted under the “current events” link. The Blog for this course is also linked through the class website under “current events blog.”

\*Students are responsible for all class assignments and materials, and should check the website regularly (daily), especially if absent from class.

Required Materials

* 3 ring binder
* Paper, pens, pencils
* Access to newspapers, magazines, Internet
* Because you do not have a textbook for this course, much of what you will study will be from class notes, articles, and handouts. In order to succeed, it will be necessary for you to keep an organized, up-to-date notebook. Keeping this notebook is your responsibility. If you miss class, make sure you get any notes or handouts that we went over.

Assessments

* Weekly Articles
* Individual and Group Projects
* Writing Assignments
* Participation