Riverdale High School

Current Affairs

Instructor: Mr. Lofgren

Room 13

Course Materials: 3 Ring Binder

Classroom Requirements:

1. All materials must be brought to class daily including 3 ring binder serving as a student portfolio
2. Students will work daily to “build a portfolio” and will be graded on daily activities
3. Classroom participation and discussion will be required.
4. Excused absences will have one day post absence to make-up work.
5. Late work will be accepted with a 10 percent deduction per day and will no longer be accepted past one week.

Assessment of learning: Points

Weekly Presentations 10

Daily Work 10

Student Portfolio 25 per week

Major Topic Debate (3) 50

This is not a comprehensive list

Student Portfolio:

Students will keep a semester long portfolio of articles, reviews, and opinions of current issues. Each week students will read, summarize, and take an in-depth look at local, national, and international issues. Topics are likely to include, government, economics, technology, culture, etc. The student portfolios will be used to aid in classroom discussions and debate. Through the course students will learn about and use different mediums of obtaining information regarding current affairs.

Each week students will take an in-depth look at an issue regarding:

Local news

National news

International news

Economics

Law

Politics

International government

Foreign Policy

Technology

Student Interest