**Contemporary World Issues**

**18 Week Course**

**Louisville High School**

**Fall 2015**

**Essential Questions/Topics**

* Why should Americans be concerned with issues or events in other parts of the world?
* What advances in technology have effected the ability of governments, interest groups, individuals and the media to share information across national and cultural borders?
* How does the media effect the way humans perceive things? How is the media detrimental or beneficial?
* How can individuals assess how effective communicators address diverse audiences?
* How can individuals identify, assess and evaluate world events, engage in deliberation civil debate and influence public processes to address global issues?
* What does effective civic participation entirely involve?
* In what ways can individuals participate in non-governmental organizations to help address humanitarian needs? (World Spectrum)
* How do beliefs about civil and human rights vary among social and governmental systems?
* How do interests of different groups both national and international effect its relations to other groups and its active participation with minority groups?
* Modern examples of genocide and ethnic cleansing
* Decisions that humans and groups make can have implications that effect current and future generations, including intended and unintended consequences.
* Issues that we are faced with can be interpreted differently by various political, economic and cultural groups.
* International associations and non-governmental organizations offer means of collaboration to address sustainability issues on local, national and international levels.
* How does technology effect cost and does it have any consequences?

**Grades**

Your grade broken down into units will consist of:

1 Vocabulary Study Guide

1 Vocabulary Quiz

1 Reading Assignment

1 Writing Assignment

1 Application Assignment

1 Exam

There is a possibility of a few projects but they will occur for every unit. There may also be a few other small grades that may occur throughout the grading period.

You may turn in an assignment late but please realize that the maximum that you can receive for the assignment is 50% if it is done perfectly.

If you are absent on the day that the assignment you will have one extra day to turn the assignment in for every day that you are absent.