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CONTEMPORARY ISSUES GRADE 12

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM SUMMARY

The purpose of the Social Studies Curriculum Summary is to present an overview of the Contemporary Issues curriculum. Parents are the intended audience of the Social Studies Summary.

GLOBAL AWARENESS

Terrorism - Religious, Nationalistic, Political

Human Rights Issues - How do the practices of foreign countries come into conflict with the beliefs, practices, and values of the United States? And, vice versa i.e. Death Penalty, Women's Rights, Torture, etc.

Technology - Impact on global community, i.e. Impact on People's Lives, Privacy Rights, Misuse & Abuse, Improving Quality of Life, etc.

CIVIC LITERACY

Increasing Participation of Citizens in the Political Process - Rallies (Tea-Party Movement), Blogging, Third-Party Candidates, etc.

Rise of Electronic Political Outlets - Blogging, Facebook, Twitter, Editorials, etc.

Impact of Civic Decisions on the Local & Global Scale

FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, BUSINESS and ENTREPRENEURIAL LITERACY

Interconnectedness of the Global Economy - How the financial decisions of one nation can affect the Global Community as a whole.

Impact of Industrial Development

The Impact of Green Awareness & Technology on the Global Economy - Fuel, Energy, Efficiency, & Communicative Technology

HEALTH LITERACY

Impact of Food Production - Organic, Use of Pesticides, Ethical Food Production, Adequate Food Supply, etc.

Impact of Obesity - Corporate Responsibility, Impact on Healthcare Costs & System, Education, Impact on Business Productivity, Political Agenda, etc

General health Education - Tobacco, Drugs & Alcohol, Exercise, Mental Health, Impact of Sexual Behaviors

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