

Syllabus - Mr. Petersen - Current Events - 2025-2026

This class is designed to provide students with the opportunity to discuss, understand, and explore local, national, international, political, economic and social issues in a respectful, meaningful, and active way.

Throughout the term, students will stay up to date on current issues and trends.

What you need to know for class

- **Materials for class each day:**
 - Computer & charger
 - Social Studies binder - with extra paper
 - Pencil bag with:
 - Writing utensil - preferably a pencil, colored pencils, highlighter & wire earbuds for Chromebooks
- **Homework:** I do NOT assign homework outside of work assigned to be completed during class time. However, there are times when some students need extra time to complete classwork. I am available for extra time and help after school by appointment, during enrichment, and lunch.
- **What if you are absent or missing work:** Because all our classwork is essential learning, **students are responsible for completing ALL CLASSWORK even when absent!** It is your responsibility to make up all work you miss if you are absent from school or class, or did not finish during class time. Check *Google Classroom* for the day's assignments. I do accept late work, and if you need an extension on an assignment please *ask*; advocate for yourself!
- **Communication with me:** It is up to you, the student, to email me or leave a voicemail if you need to contact me. School is your job, so own it! Your parents and guardians are here to help and support you and therefore should contact me if needed at any time as well. They can check *Google Classroom* for due dates and assignments, or *Infinite Campus* for grades..
Email: jared.petersen@jeffco.k12.co.us
Phone: 720-722-0595 or 303-982-6279
- **Preparedness:** You are getting ready for high school! This year you will be expected to be on time, prepared for class with your materials, and ready to work and participate. We will follow the school policy of **no cellphones**. Earbuds are allowed with Chromebooks on independent work days, or as approved by me.

Grades:

Grades are available anytime through the Campus portal. All legal guardians and students have access to student grades. **I strongly encourage students and parents to check grades weekly.**

Gradebook Breakdown	Percentage of Grade
Practice and Prep Preparedness, overall work habits, class warm ups, exit tickets, and everyday practice work...	25%
Formative Assessments Small projects, research, short writing assignments, and short quizzes that are checks for understanding. Work in this category proves what you know relating to the standards and lesson/unit objectives.	45%
Summative Assessments Larger projects, tests and larger writing assignments that show mastery of knowledge. Work in this section asks you to <i>apply</i> what you know.	30%

Please return this letter read and signed.

Sincerely,

Jared Petersen

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STUDENT

I have read and understand the above letter and am aware of Mr. Petersen's classroom policies for the year.

Printed Name: _____
(Student printed name)

Signature: _____
(Student Signature)

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I have read the above letter, understand Mr. Petersen's policies for the year, and give my student permission to watch the above four approved movies/documentaries.

Printed Name: _____
(Parent/Guardian printed name)

Signature: _____
(Parent/Guardian Signature)