



CENTENNIAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE OUTLINE

2023-2024

Subject: Contemporary World

Level: Cycle 2, Year 3 (secondary 5)

Course Description:

Citizens of the 21st century live each day in an incredibly complex world. In the past 100 years we have witnessed faster and more dramatic social, environmental, and economic change than in the past 1000 years combined. The “Contemporary World” course aims to make sense of our modern world and to outline a plan of action for global citizenship. Students are expected to develop an awareness of the challenges of a globalized society and economy and are invited to adopt a critical stance on these issues. They are also required to complete an Integrative Project called “the Entrepreneurial Challenge”, which puts them through a simulation of the CBC’s Dragon’s Den program. The best teams will be invited to participate in the Entrepreneurial Fair in May. Students will increase their knowledge in the following areas:

Competency Evaluated
Interpret* a contemporary world problem (*defines, analyzes, etc.)
Take a position* on a contemporary world issue (*considers points of view, debates, acts with a purpose, etc.)
Complete an Integrative Project by working in a team of 2-7 students, demonstrating an ability to communicate, cooperate, innovate, and create a product that serves its school community.

Central Concepts:

- Climate Change
- Three “Pillars of Sustainability”
- Social and Economic Ideologies
- Generational history
- Corporations & Externalities
- Proper research methods

These concepts will be applied while studying the following **themes**

- Environment
- Distribution of wealth
- Power of individuals and the State
- Tensions, conflicts, and solutions

Evaluation will be based on:

- Project-based collaborative learning
- Assignments & tests
- Critical reading assessments of popular news media
- Role-Playing Debates
- Reflective essays

**Please note that every student is responsible for ALL classes missed and is required to communicate with their teacher ASAP for any work, information, and notes.*

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