



Modified Social Issues/World Cultures

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Welcome to Social Issues/World Cultures in Room 851. My name is Mrs. Leist and this is my sixth year teaching at Drake High School. My goal is to do the best job I can and teach you about the social and current issues that affect our community and the world around us. The fall semester of this class is the Social Issues portion in which we will explore who we are as individuals and how we can use our morals, values and critical thinking to make wise decisions for ourselves. In addition, we will be learning about our bodies, how to manage and deal with stress, how to advocate for ourselves, how to live healthy lives and the negative impacts that drugs and alcohol can have on our bodies/minds.

During the spring semester of this class, we will jump into world cultures. We will be taking a firsthand look into some of the most inspiring and interesting cultures around the globe including Latin America, Africa and the Asia. While doing all of this exciting learning, I would like us to have fun, respect each other and learn from one another.

You will be expected to come to class prepared and ready to go. This means, please have all of the class materials you will need:

- 1.) Current assignments/projects
- 2.) Binder with paper
- 3.) Writing Utensils

Please remember to follow the class rules which include:

- 1.) Cell phones turned off and away at all times/Cell Phone Day Care
- 2.) Sit in a seat where you can do your best learning
- 3.) Be respectful
- 4.) Be productive

You will be graded on your **participation, completion of assignments to the best of your ability, and projects/quizzes/tests**. I am here to help you be successful in all of these areas, but I will need your dedication and motivation as well.

*This is a modified class and per Individualized Education Plans, grading will be adjusted as needed.

Grading Criteria:

100%-90%= A to A-

89%-80%= B to B-

79%- 70%= C to C-

69%-60%= D to D-

59%- 50= F

I am looking forward to a successful year with you all.

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