



Current Events

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Course Objectives:

Current Events is a year long course structured to give the student an understanding of current issues in many areas of a political, social, and economic nature. The course emphasizes research done by the student since the topics chosen are very fluid in their nature, meaning that the topics and the amount of coverage on the topics will fluctuate on any given day, week, or month depending on topics current in the media.

Course Outline:

Each day will consist of reading news stories (online or newspaper) and having brief discussions about those certain stories. Students will make presentations on local, state, national and world current events. They will also be working on creating a School Newspaper. We will also take quizzes to test the students knowledge on different current events.

Class will include:

Quizzes/ Tests
Student Presentations
Reading

Review Activities
Daily Assignments
Discussions/Debates

Projects (group/ individual
Research Paper/ Project

Required Classroom Materials:

- Pen/Pencil (**Black or Blue**)
- Agenda Book (Planner)
- Notebook

Classroom Rules

Aside from what the district has established in the student handbook, I have a few additional expectations. Classroom rules include the following:

- RESPECT me, your classmates, others within the building and any school property.
- Sit in your assigned seat unless directed otherwise.
- Bring required materials to class every day unless directed otherwise. There will be a 1-strike penalty for not bringing all your materials. 3-strikes equals a detention.
- In class work time for assignments and projects is a privilege. If not used properly it can be taken away.
- Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Anyone involved in the cheating will receive a zero on the assignment. If it happens more than once the student will receive an F for that Quarter



Homework, Late Work and Extra Credit

Homework is expected to be handed in, on time for full credit. Each class has its own basket at the side of the room, and all homework must be placed in the basket by the due date in class for credit. After the due date late work is worth 50%. If late work is not received within 3 days, it may be entered in the grade book as a zero. There will be periodic extra credit opportunities, but you must have all homework completed to get it, even if the late work is entered as a zero. If you are having difficulties, please see me right away and we'll work together to figure out the material. It is easier to help when the problem is brought to my attention early rather than at the end of the semester or year.

Make-up Work

All students are responsible for getting any work that was missed, or setting up a time to take missed quizzes or exams. For each day that you are gone that is how many days following the absence you get to take care of all you make-up work. You should make arrangements to get any missed notes, and be sure to collect any missed assignments.

Grading	A	93-100	C	73-76
	A-	90-92	C-	70-72
	B+	87-89	D+	67-69
	B	83-86	D	63-66
	B-	80-82	D-	60-62
	C+	77-79	F	59 and below

Grades will be broken down in the following way:

Homework and Participation: 40%

Tests and Quizzes: 35%

Projects: 25%

Class Website

I will do my best to keep my class website up to date and put important information and dates on it as well. To find my class website go to the Lester Prairie School's website and on the top go to High School 6-12, then go down to Academics and then to Social Studies.

Contact Information

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reasons or to ask questions. I will be at school from 7:30 to 3:30 (usually later than 3:30) If arranged I can come in or stay later than that.

Email: bmachemehl@lp.k12.mn.us

School Phone: 320-395-2521

Stay Informed About Class

If you would like to stay informed on class happenings, there are many options for you! You can always check my website for updates. You can find me on Twitter at @MrMachemehl (You don't have to have Twitter to look for me. All you have to do is do an Internet search for Mr Machemehl Twitter). I also have a notification system called Remind. If you sign up for it I can send Text Messages from my computer to you phone! See the attached sheet for more information and how to subscribe. If you have any questions on these please ask them!



Mr. Machemehl

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Lester Prairie High School Teacher and Coach

Lester Prairie, MN

SYLLABUS Contract

I have read and understood Mr. Machemehl's class syllabus and rules.

_____ (Student's Name)

_____ (Student Signature)

_____ (Parent/Guardian Signature)

Contact Information

1. Name of parent or guardian:

2. Daytime phone number for the above individual:

3. Alternate phone number and/or email for the above individual:
