

Contemporary Issues

The following topics represent the major concepts studied and assessed in this course.

Semester

Unit 1

Issues in Education

- Students will be able to describe the role education plays in the United States.
- Students will be able to identify an issue concerning education in the United States currently.
- Students will be able to create a visual representation or document identifying problems and solutions surrounding a current issue using evidence to support their claims.

Unit 2

Issues in Housing/Resources

- Students will be able to describe the role housing and resources play in the United States.
- Students will be able to identify an issue concerning housing and resources in the United States.
- Students will be able to create a visual representation or document identifying problems and solutions surrounding a current issue using evidence to support their claims.
- Students will be able to describe how local government is organized and how the policy process operates.
- Students will recognize that homelessness is a complex issue, in terms of both its causes and solutions.
- Students will be able to create a visual representation or document identifying problems and solutions surrounding a current issue using evidence to support their claims.
- Students will develop reading, writing, listening, and oral presentation skills.

Unit 3

Crime

- Students will be able to describe the role crime has in the United States.
- Students will be able to identify an issue concerning crime in the United States.
- Students will be able to create a visual representation or document identifying problems and solutions surrounding a current issue using evidence to support their claims.

Unit 4

International Relations

- Students will be able to describe the role the United States has in international affairs.
- Students will be able to identify an issue concerning international relations as it pertains to the United States.
- Students will be able to create a visual representation or document identifying problems and solutions surrounding a current issue using evidence to support their claims.