Brad Smudde **Grading Scale**

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|  | A 92.5-100 | A- 89.5-92.49 |
| B+ 86.5-89.49 | B 82.5-86.49 | B- 79.5-82.49 |
| C+ 76.5-79.49 | C 72.5-76.49 | C- 69.5-72.49 |
| D+ 66.5-69.49 | D 62.5-66.49 | D- 59.5-62.49 |

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World Affairs

Welcome to World Affairs! World Affairs is a class that looks at the importance of politics domestically and abroad. Throughout each unit we will talk about how governments and government leaders also have lots of power economically and socially as well. You will be put through simulations and hypothetical situations to help you understand how issues around the world try to get resolved on a global scale.

**Units of World Affairs**

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| Understanding Politics and its Power | Middle East & Cultural Conflict |
| Importance of Global Politics | Struggles of Africa & Latin America |
| United States Politics and Foreign Policy | Impact of Asia |
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**Classroom Expectations**

1. **Be Respectful and Open-Minded**- To me and your classmates!
2. **Come Prepared**
3. **Have Goals**
4. **Be Accountable-** For your assignments, projects, and assessments.

**Classroom Policies**

Electronics-

* PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES – BOARD POLICY – 5136. Orange Guide p. 27. Students may use personal communication devices (PCDs) before and after school, during their lunch break, in between classes as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption or otherwise interfere with the educational environment, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), or at school-related functions. Use of PCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time is prohibited.
* **Cell phones will not be a distraction during class. Students will be warned and if behavior is not corrected I will take the phone for the class period and put in phone jail.**
* Students will also be on task with their lap tops at all times.
* Listening to music will be acceptable at appropriate times.

Absence- If you are absent it is **your** responsibility tocheck with me if any handouts were given. All work will be posted to google classroom along with paper materials will be found on the back table next to the assigned basket.

Late/Missing Homework- Missing work will be graded as a 0 and marked missing until the work is handed in. Any late/missing work will not be accepted over 1 weeks late for daily work and assignments. For summative assessment if you may not exceed that 2 weeks.

**Graded Classwork**

Summative Assessments- There will be a summative assessment showing your mastery is the material covered. These could be projects, papers, or tests. A large portion of your grade will be made of summative assessments.

Formative Assessments - Periodically we will have formative checks to see your level of understanding of the content. The point of the formative assessment is for me to provide you feedback on your learning. This will have on a daily basis.

Homework and Assignments- There will be graded assignments needed to be completed that may have in-class work time or no class work time. These assignments will be need to be done when you come into class often times the next day to keep the material fresh and to insure the assignments completed.

Participation and Journaling- Class participation is highly encouraged and will be taken into account in grading your soft skills through the semester. You will also have a daily journal that will ask you a question at the start of the class often connected to a video or topic related to our unit of study a throughout the semester you will turn in your journal for a grade.

Current Events- Current events will be done every Friday we have class that will be graded on a 3 point scale showing your ability to pinpoint recent issues in the news that are important to our study of the world. **Everyone will be responsible for completed the assignment every week assigned**, but only a few students are required to present each week.

Extra Credit- Will be offered during the semester on assignments, projects, or assessments. Mr. Smudde will determine when extra credit will be available and its point value.

**Key Note**

* We will be using <http://bsmudde.weebly.com/> as a class website. Anything from PowerPoints, readings, assignments, handouts, and rubrics will be found there.
* Most of your work will be turned in electronically through google classroom
* Skyward will be updated often to make sure students are in good standing.