***Current Issues***

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***Lap 4: Terrorism***

**Essential Question:**

How do we solve the problem of global terrorism?

**Late Assignments from Lap 3**

Are all due by the last class day on Lap 4.

Failure to turn in late or missing work by the last class day on Lap 4 will result in a zero for that particular assignment – no exceptions.

***Overview***

This LAP explores the origins and operations, policies and philosophies, causes and consequences, of global terrorism in recent decades, using a variety of sources and assignments. The class combines broad themes and specific case studies to explain the motivations and ramifications of terrorists who have chosen violence as their “voice.” Although most Americans only became aware of invasive terrorist atrocities on September 11, 2001—attacks unprecedented in scope and sophistication, loss of life and physical damage—terrorism is neither a new nor an exclusively foreign phenomenon. We will fast track information on terrorist violence from the past in order to provide background and context for analyzing some of the newest and best research on Islamic Terrorism today.

***Rationale***

Terrorism is a fact of life in our current world and one that is constantly in the news. In this LAP, students will examine the causes and effects of terrorism. With this knowledge, students will feel more confident and comfortable leading our nation into the future.

***Learning Goals:***

1. Identify nations in the Middle East.
2. Define the term terrorism.
3. Evaluate possible solutions to terrorism.
4. Explain the policies and philosophies of global terrorism.
5. Explain the causes and consequences of terrorism.

***Lap 4 Summative Assessment***

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| **Essential Question:**  **How do we solve the problem of global terrorism?** | |
| Your summative assessment for this Lap will be a on the final exam. | **On Final Exam** |

***Enrichment***

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| **Fighting Terrorism under President Trump** | |
| Predict what the presidential election may mean for US policies regarding fighting terrorism abroad and at home. Back up your opinions with appropriate readings & credible news sources. Write 1+ pgs. using proper paragraph form (topic sentence, evidence, explanation, conclusion). | **Due:**  **E – Day**  **12/15** |

***Calendar of Events***

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| **Day 1** | |
| 1. **Due at class time** – none 2. **What we are doing today** – Go over LAP. Define terrorism. 3. **Assignment for next time** – Read a summary of the 9/11 Commission Report available on my weebly. | **C – Day**  **11/29** |
| **Day 2** | |
| 1. **Due at class time** – Half of 9/11 Commission report. 2. **What we are doing today** – Determine terrorist acts. Introduction to events of 9/11. 3. **Assignments for next time** – Finish reading summary of the 9/11 Commission Report. Conduct interview of 9/11. Instructions on my weebly. | **E – Day**  **12/1** |
| **Day 3** | |
| 1. **Due at class time** – 9/11 Commission Report and interview. 2. **What we are doing today** – What happened on 9/11? Could 9/11 have been prevented? 3. **Assignment for next time** – Be prepared for a quiz. Complete background reading on ISIS available on my weebly. | **F – Day**  **12/2** |
| **Day 4** | |
| 1. **Due at class time** – Prepare for quiz. Complete background reading on ISIS. 2. **What we are doing today** – Quiz. Analysis of ISIS. 3. **Assignment for next time** – Complete work from class on ISIS. | **H – Day**  **12/6** |
| **Day 5** | |
| 1. **Due at class time** – Work on ISIS. 2. **What we are doing today** – Explore the threat of Right-Wing Extremist groups. 3. **Assignment for next time** – Research a current event of interest and be prepared to present and discuss in class for credit. | **K – Day**  **12/8**  **(short)** |
| **Day 6** | |
| 1. **Due at class time** – Your current event typed out. 2. **What we are doing today** – Class discussion of student-selected current events. 3. **Assignment for next time** – Finish class presentation | **A – Day**  **12/9** |
| **Day 7** | |
| 1. **Due at class time** – Class presentations. 2. **What we are doing today** – Class Presentations. 3. **Assignment for next time** – Be prepared for a quiz. Complete class presentations, if applicable. | **C – Day**  **12/13** |

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| **Day 8** | |
| 1. **Due at class time** – Class presentations. 2. **What we are doing today** – Quiz. Class Presentations. Discuss Final Exam. 3. **Assignment for next time** – Prepare for Final Exam. | **E – Day**  **12/15** |

**Up Next…** Winter Break