Alabama Social Studies

Contemporary World Issues

Media Literacy SS24.CWI.ML

1 Explain how cultural, geographic, political, and social points of view can influence media descriptions of current international events. SS24.CWI.1

- a Compare and contrast how several sources cover the same events and explain how their varied perspectives influence audience perceptions about the events themselves. SS24.CWI.1A
- b Describe the impact of current news stories and the issues they present on the individual and on local, national, and international communities. SS24.CWI.1B
- c Relate current news stories to past events and broader historical trends. SS24.CWI.1C
- d Locate on a map the areas affected by events reported in national and international news stories. SS24.CWI.1D

2 Compare the presentation of world events in various media, including cable news services, international news sources, Internet news sources, network television, print, public broadcasting, and social media. SS24.CWI.2

- a Explain how to determine the reliability of news stories and their sources. SS24.CWI.2A
- b Describe the use and misuse of different media platforms, including the use of social media and artificial intelligence (AI). SS24.CWI.2B
- c Critique viewpoints presented in cable news commentary, editorials, political cartoons, and social media algorithms. SS24.CWI.2C

3 Explain how public opinion polling is implemented, and describe how polling methods can produce intentional and unintentional bias and flawed samplings. SS24.CWI.3

- a Interpret statistics included in current news stores related to political, social, and economic issues. SS24.CWI.3A

International Relations SS24.CWI.IR

4 Compare and contrast the functions and powers of United States government entities which shape official responses to international issues and events. SS24.CWI.4

- a Explain how foreign policy is created, how it can be influenced, and how it can be limited. SS24.CWI.4A
- b Describe the various roles and functions of the modern American military. SS24.CWI.4B

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5 **Describe the roles of international governmental organizations (IGOs) and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in addressing international issues and crises.** SS24.CWI.5

- a Explain the structure and roles of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and programs. SS24.CWI.5A
- b Explain the benefits and limitations of non-government entities resolving international events and crises. SS24.CWI.5B

6 **Evaluate the extent to which nations have successfully collaborated to achieve broad international goals, citing specific instances.** SS24.CWI.6

- a Describe the functions of modern-day alliance systems, regional organizations, and multinational corporations and cartels. SS24.CWI.6A

World Events and Issues SS24.CWI.WEI

7 **Outline the causes and progressions of current conflicts around the world, including interstate, intrastate, and extrastate conflicts.** SS24.CWI.7

- a Investigate and explain how individuals and non-governmental groups may cause or perpetuate conflict, citing specific cases. SS24.CWI.7A
- b Formulate possible means to prevent and resolve modern conflicts. SS24.CWI.7B
- c Draw conclusions about the effects of conflicts on populations. SS24.CWI.7C

8 **Identify and analyze recent incidents of human rights abuse across the world, utilizing a variety of sources.** SS24.CWI.8

- a Compare the individual rights, opportunities, and privileges of United States citizens to those of citizens of other countries. SS24.CWI.8A
- b Describe key rights and beliefs related to human rights as embedded in the Declaration of Independence, Geneva Conventions, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. SS24.CWI.8B
- c Critique how countries and international organizations respond to human rights violations, giving examples from recent history. SS24.CWI.8C

9 **Evaluate the impact of economic globalization on worldwide trends and on individual nations and regions.** SS24.CWI.9

- a Identify recurring historical patterns in economic development around the world. SS24.CWI.9A
- b Describe the costs and benefits of trade among nations in an interdependent world. SS24.CWI.9B
- c Compare ways in which different countries address individual needs, national economic problems, and social issues. SS24.CWI.9C

10 **Explain how scientific and technological changes impact the worldwide economy and the process of globalization.** SS24.CWI.10

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- a Evaluate the positive and negative impacts of scientific and technological changes on society and on the environment. SS24.CWI.10A

Issue Resolution SS24.CWI.IRE

11 **Identify and describe strategies that facilitate public discussion on current events.** SS24.CWI.11

12 **Research a current world issue or conflict and present information regarding its effects on the quality of life for individuals, groups, or countries.** SS24.CWI.12

- a Construct a possible solution to a global issue or conflict. SS24.CWI.12A
- b Describe means of implementing a possible solution to a global issue, analyzing its benefits and costs. SS24.CWI.12B