

**Disclosure Statement**  
**Jordan High School**  
**Mr. Charon-American Problems-2009-2010**

**Course Objectives:**

1. To get students excited about studying HISTORY, POLITICS and CURRENT EVENTS!
2. To make course studies REAL and SIGNIFICANT through LIVING THEM!
3. To develop skill in *WRITING, SPEAKING, LISTENING, READING*, and making historical connections;
4. To gain an appreciation for People, Cultures, Ideas, Events, Sounds, Emotions and Objects from the past and the present and a desire to improve the future;
5. To *FOCUS* on the course content and through use of the *IMAGINATION* to gain a greater global perspective;
6. To encourage *INVOLVEMENT* in Community, Nation, and World affairs.

**Basic Class Requirements:**

1. Be prepared with a pencil or pen, paper and textbook.
2. Participate in and contribute to the class. ASK?? ANSWER!! INFORM!! SUGGEST!! ALWAYS PARTICIPATE and do the ASSIGNMENTS!!

**SIMULATIONS:** Many portions of the class are interactive, allowing students the opportunity to LIVE the curriculum being studied. The simulation segments of the class are the culmination of study for many units in the course and the largest part of the grade is calculated according to student participation. Failure to take part in such activities may result in a marked lowering of the grade and a lack of understanding of the relevance of the course content.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given sporadically throughout the course. The quizzes will be administered immediately following the tardy bell. Students who are on time for the “quiz” may receive up to +10pts. Tardy or absent students will receive a grade of zero regardless of the reason.

**Exams:** Exams will be given to assess student comprehension of material studied. Each exam will be announced several days in advance to allow students adequate time to prepare. Exams will cover information from class discussions, readings, assignments, and/or other sources as determined by the instructor.

**Assignments:** A variety of assignments will be given throughout the school year correlating to the subject matter being covered. Expectations for completing assignments as well as grading procedures will be discussed in class before students begin working and placed on SKYWARD for review by students and parents.

**Office Hours:** Students wishing to clear an “NG” and receive credit for the course may do so before school begins by making an appointment with Mr. Charon. Students may request times by e-mail or in person.

**Make-up Work:** All assignments/tests/etc. for the course will be listed on the SKYWARD website. Descriptions for each item will be included (such information is found by clicking on the assignment/test/etc.). Students will have until Friday of the week following the item’s original due date to complete it for credit. After that time, students will NOT be allowed make-up. Students who are absent the day work is assigned AND who are excused *by the school administration* will be able to make up the work for full credit. Students have the option to e-mail work to Mr. Charon at: [brad.charon@canyonsdistrict.org](mailto:brad.charon@canyonsdistrict.org) and/or complete assignments during Mr. Charon’s office hours.

**Extra Credit** : Options may be listed on the class website and on SKYWARD with instructions for completion and submission. \*Note: Students may complete extra credit/tardy make-up assignments to enhance scores on assignments/tests etc. Students MUST have ALL of required work completed to do Extra Credit outside of class, however, extra credit given inside of class counts for all participants.

**Attendance Policy**: The Jordan High School attendance policy will be enforced in this class. Additionally, missing class or arriving late may result in missing quizzes or important discussions or other events. Tardies and absences will affect the grade.

**Electronic Devices**: If you bring an electronic device to class please be respectful. Keep it out of sight. Turn cell phones to silent or off (not just vibrate). Do not text during class time. Do not listen to personal audio/video devices (mp3 players, iPods, etc.) during class time. Wait until class is over to use your electronic devices. Inappropriate use of any electronic device by students is grounds for immediate confiscation. Devices may be given to an administrator and students will lose up to 10 points per infraction.

**Textbook**: Each student will be provided with a textbook to use in class for the duration of the course with access to an online version for home use. Each textbook number will be recorded both on the book itself and on the SKYWARD Program under “Teacher Comments”. The student will be responsible for the textbook received. Fines will be assessed and charged to the student if the textbook is damaged anytime during the year. Lost or stolen textbooks must be paid for by the student. (Textbook replacement cost is \$30.00).

**Plagiarism**: Students found plagiarizing will be disciplined on a case-by-case basis depending on the seriousness of the violation, prior violations, and other factors. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to redoing assignments/retaking tests, receiving a failing grade on the project/test, receiving a lower overall grade in the class, detention, or administrative action. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to: copying another student's homework, working with others on projects that are meant to be done individually, looking at or copying another student's test or quiz answers, allowing other students to look at or copy answers from your test or quiz, using any other method to get/receive test or quiz answers, taking a test or quiz in part or in whole to use or to give to others, copying information from a source without proper attribution, taking papers from other students, publications, or the Internet, quoting more than the lawful amount of work from another source, not citing resources used in written works.

**Course Grading Procedure**

The grading scale is as follows:

93-100% .....	A	80-83% .....	B-	65-68% .....	D+
90-92% .....	A-	77-79% .....	C+	61-64% .....	D
87-89% .....	B+	73-76% .....	C	58-60% .....	D-
84-86% .....	B	69-72% .....	C-	Below 58% .....	F

**Group Work**: At times students will check and review the work of others, however, the final grades on all assignments will be determined and entered into the SKYWARD grade program by Mr. Charon only. Parents/guardians who have concerns with such options may contact Mr. Charon.

\*Note: Topics not addressed in the disclosure may be handled on an individual basis with the instructor.

**Class Web Site**

Information necessary to keep students up-to-date concerning class activities and student grading will be available through the class web site. The majority of such information includes varied sources for additional information concerning subjects covered in the classroom. From time to time assignments will be given to students (both required and extra credit/tardy make-up) that will center on specific information found at the website with an option to e-mail completed work to Mr. Charon. Students may access the class website at the school library or at any public library if an internet connection is not readily available in the home.

The website address:

<http://www.mrcharon.net>

Please feel free to contact Mr. Charon in person, by phone at 256-5500, or by e-mail:

[brad.charon@canyonsdistrict.org](mailto:brad.charon@canyonsdistrict.org)

Please detach and sign below and return the information to Mr. Charon:

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**Mr. Charon**

**Disclosure Signatures/E-mail Information**

*(\*Note: Parent and Student signatures include consent to participate in all simulation activities and to view all films shown in class as per Canyons District Policy):*

Parent/Guardian: (Please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Student: (Please print name): \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_