

Belief Systems

Putnam Valley High School
2019-2020
Mr. Kunze
Social Studies Department
lkunze@pvcsd.org



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to the Belief Systems elective! This course is designed as a Social Studies elective for those interested in History, Theology, Psychology, Philosophy and Sociology. It is a ½ year course open to any 10th-12th graders.

WHAT YOU NEED


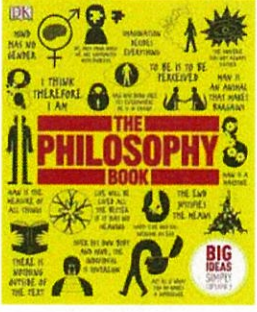

Notebook, Pen, Laptop!

A Positive Attitude! We must work together to have a wonderful year full of learning and good times.

GRADING

This course is based on **participation!!!** There will be no major tests and no final exam!

It is expected that you will be in class and will participate in the following activities:

	<p>BELIEF SYSTEMS CURRENT EVENTS</p> <p>Here we will spend a day analyzing current events. This may require you to find an article, or we may look at one I provide or you have questions about.</p> <p>We will use various sources and Mrs. DeMaine has provided us with our own tile on the PVHS Library Symbaloo.</p>
	<p>THE "ISMS"</p> <p>What is an "ism?"</p> <p>Political Isms, Cultural Isms, Philosophical Isms...</p> <p>Throughout History there have been thousands of distinctive doctrines, causes, theories, or religions that have become Isms.</p> <p>Here you will choose one and do some brief research on your ism!</p>
	<p>TEDEd</p> <p>These are some of the greatest lessons in the world! Ted-Ed Videos are used by educators almost everywhere and almost always are sharing either original ideas and beliefs, or are teaching about Historical Beliefs! You may be asked to find one on your own or assigned a specific video to watch.</p>



BELIEF SYSTEMS MOVIE WEEK!

A couple times a quarter we will watch great films about Belief Systems. A simple movie review will assigned.

FINAL EXAM- 20% of grade for the course!!! Religious Controversy Project



In lieu of a final exam you will be asked to do research and create a presentation on a Religious Controversy. You will not be taking sides on this controversy, rather presenting multiple viewpoints and just the facts. You will be interviewing classmates and doing polling. More information to come!

MY WEBSITE: <http://mrkunze.weebly.com>



Bookmark my website!!! Helpful resources can be found here and I will post everyday which participation activity we focused on.

CLOSING

I am looking forward to a great year! I hope you will find this class interesting and fun. If you ever need help please do not hesitate to ask. My door is always open. I am available for extra help and will always respond to your emails with any questions.

Please tear this page off and return for your first grade in the first quarter!

STUDENT NAME (Print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT PHONE NUMBER: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____