

SYLLABUS

Course Name: Understanding the Times

Grade Level: 12th Grade (can also be taken for college credit)

Length: Two semesters Two periods per day

Teacher: Mr. Gene Wilson

Required Text: Understanding the Times: A Collision of Today's Competing Worldviews
by David A. Noebel revised 2nd edition Summit Press

Course Description: A video-based curriculum that brings a host of Christian worldview and apologetic experts into the classroom. This class will help students clearly understand the tenets of the Christian worldview and how it compares with the tenets of other leading worldviews of our day.

Six worldviews: Biblical Christianity
Islam
Secular Humanism
Marxism-Leninism
Cosmic Humanism
Postmodernism

are examined in each of the ten chapters/topics:

Theology	Sociology
Philosophy	Law
Ethics	Politics
Biology	Economics
Psychology	History

Course Objectives:

1. Students will learn the definition of a worldview.
2. Students will learn the characteristics of six worldviews and understand the differences between a Christian worldview and other worldviews.
3. Students will be prepared to challenge other worldviews, especially when they are in the academic world of the secular college and university.

Content/Timeline Outline:

1. Introduction
2. This course will follow the list of topics stated above.
3. Additional sub-topics:
 - a. Ecology
 - b. Homosexuality
 - c. Biotechnology

d. Entertainment

4. Conclusion: how to be a witness.

Resource Material:

1. Understanding the Times (textbook)
2. Understanding the Times (student workbook)
3. Understanding the Times (teacher's manual)
4. Understanding the Times (DVD package)
5. Handouts from online articles
6. Online video clips

Assessment:

- Quizzes
- Tests
- Homework
- Classwork
- Online projects
- "Dear Doug" essays
- PowerPoint presentations