



SWINBURNE
SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

Global Politics

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

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Key Links:

Politics Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/299206676809065/>
VCAA Global Politics website:
<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/studies/globalpolitics/globalpoliticsindex.aspx>
Social Education Victoria: <http://www.sev.asn.au/>

Introduction to the subject

Global Politics is the study of the political, social, cultural and economic forces that shape interactions between states and other global actors in the contemporary world. It examines the interconnectedness of the contemporary global political arena and the impact of globalisation on culture, sovereignty, human rights and the environment. It examines the nature and power of key global actors and the types of power used by an Asia-Pacific state to achieve its national interests. It considers global ethical issues including human rights, people movement, development and arms control and explores the nature and effectiveness of global responses to crises such as climate change, armed conflict, terrorism and economic instability.

Work required in preparation for start of 2017.

Research 2 current global issues and complete the following:

- Find 3 articles about the topic – no more than 6 months old – and copy to Facebook site (link below)
- Write a short outline of the issue (1 page)
- Give your opinion on the issue (at least ½ page)

Possible topics: Syrian civil war; the Greek Debt Crisis; pollution in China; Libyan intervention; European refugee crisis; Boko Haram in Nigeria; Brexit; South China Sea dispute; Yemen conflict; Paris climate conference; Sustainable Development Goals; human rights abuses in North Korea; Australia / China free trade agreement

Make a habit of watching world news, current affairs program and reading newspapers / internet media sites

Contact teacher for recommended readings

Due date: 5 January, 2018

List of textbooks and other resources

- King, M. et al 'Global Politics VCE Units 3 & 4' 1st edition, SEV (2018)
(Note: this is not a requirement for the course)
- The economist: <https://www.economist.com/>
- BBC world: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world/>
- Guardian world: <http://www.theguardian.com/world>
- Al Jazeera: <http://www.aljazeera.com/>