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New sections

We wish everyone a successful close to 2009. We look forward to continuing our working partnership with you in the coming year. Listed below are the new topics and sections added last term.

Life Sciences

Forensic Science

Several popular television programs have brought the work of forensic scientists to public attention. However, rarely are real cases solved with such drama and speed as those portrayed on our television screens. This topic will give students a more realistic understanding of the painstaking work that forensic investigators do, sometimes over years, to reveal the truth from evidence found at the scenes of crimes, accidents and disasters. Aspects covered include the following: fingerprints, time of death, bodily fluids, splatters and stains, toxicology, trace evidence, teeth and bones, DNA, wounds and injuries and forensic entomology. For those students who become interested in this facet of science as a career there is a special section dealing with training requirements and the work activities of the various specialisations in the field.



Literature

Science Fiction

The topic is broadly defined and discussed in the introductory section. The following authors are then covered in depth: Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, Jules Verne, H G Wells, Robert Heinlein, Arthur C Clarke, Frank Herbert, Isaac Asimov, Ray Bradbury, Kurt Vonnegut and Philip K Dick. Teachers have a large selection of lesson plans, study guides and magazine articles to choose from in the final section.



Arthur C Clarke

Geography

Asia: Global warming

While many of the problems associated with global warming are similar, individual countries face them in unique ways as a result of their geographical features, agricultural practices and level of industrial and economic development. This topic highlights the ways the following nations are facing

this threat: Cambodia, China, Japan, Korean Peninsula, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Materials for classroom use are available in the final section.

Modern World History

Iran

The contemporary politics of Iran have dominated the news broadcasts in recent times. This topic gives students some background information about how the modern state of Iran has evolved over the last century. The initial section gives an overview of the transition from monarchy to Islamic republic. The topic then moves on to focus on life and politics in Iran during the time of the Pahlavi dynasty and includes a section on Mohammad Mosaddeq. The effect of World War II on Iran is covered. Other sections include detailed coverage of important people and events relating to the Revolution and contemporary politics: Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian Revolution of 1978-79, the Islamic Republic of Iran as it has developed from its inception to the present, the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-1988, Ayatollah Khamenei, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his rival Mir Hossein Mousavi. The aftermath of the recent election is examined as is the ongoing global controversy regarding Iran's nuclear ambitions. A variety of lesson plans are available for classroom use.

Africa

This term we completed our series on African nations with topics on West African States and Southern African States

West African States

West Africa has had a bloody and turbulent history, and the violence continues to this day in the political corruption and civil wars. Most of these states were the prime locations for the European and American slave trade in the 18th-19th centuries, and their rich resources still hold interest for Western countries and corporations. The countries of this region include Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria. The For Teachers section contains lessons plans which deal with the history and contemporary political conditions of these countries.

Southern African States

After a brief introductory section, the topic focuses on the nations which make up this part of Africa, namely South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Malawi. Lesson plans are found at the end.



South African school students (R Zurba, USAID)

Australian History

Australia: Foreign Policy

The lengthy opening section deals with the history of Australian foreign policy and contemporary regional and global relations. The following two sections deal with Australia's role in peacekeeping and policing in various locations and in regional treaties and alliances. The remaining sections deal with the foreign relations between Australia and specific countries and how they have changed as a result of

global and internal events. The current list includes Britain, USA, China, East Timor, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, and the Solomon Islands. Teaching materials are found at the end.



Attempted assassination of Jose Ramos Horta, 2008

New Sections

IT, Encyclopedias and Newspapers

Computers: Social aspects

Social networking sites

Philosophy and Ethics

Ethical Issues

Ethical perspectives
Compulsory vaccination
Medical research for developing countries
Pandemic: drug distribution
Smoking bans

Social Sciences

Environmental Economics

Climate change and economics

Energy Resources

Natural gas

Globalisation

Anti-globalisation

Australian Society

Australia: Population Issues

Australia: Population Issues -
Environmental aspects

Chemistry and Earth Sciences

Chemistry of wine

Chemistry of wine: alcohol
Chemistry of wine: sugar

Life Sciences

Infectious diseases

Infectious diseases and global warming

Arts, Music and Sports

Participation in Physical Activity

Participation in physical activity:
Case study: Golf

Dance: Tap

Devine, James

Literature

Western Theatre History

Western Theatre History:
Masculinity and gender roles

Classical Greek Literature

Pindar c 522 BC - c 443 BC
Menander c 342-c 291 BC

Geography

Australia's Island Neighbours

Pacific Islands: Global warming
Fiji and the Commonwealth of Nations
Fiji: Global warming
Indonesia: Global warming
Kiribati: Global warming
Papua New Guinea: Global warming
Solomon Islands: Global warming
Tuvalu: Global warming

Modern World History

Israel

Israel: 2008: 60 Years

Hitler's Germany

Hitler's Germany: Arts
Hitler's Germany: Olympic Games 1936

Australian History

Australia at War

Australia: WW2 - Fall of Singapore and Malaya 1942

