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# PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

## COURSE SYLLABUS: GLOBAL OUTLOOKS

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### **Course Overview and Essential Skills**

This course will focus on one's role as an individual within the global community. Students will integrate cultural elements, communication, and comparisons to analyze and research global cultures and language. Additionally, students will examine their own culture and language.

### **Course Textbook and Required Materials**

- There is no textbook for this course. The class will utilize articles from various approved news sources.
- *Language Matters* with Bob Holman. PBS documentary.
- Students are suggested to have a binder or folder, a small notebook for notes, and a pen or pencil.

### **Course Outline of Material Covered:**

<b>Unit or Topic</b>	<b>Concepts/Skills/Resources</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>Language and Culture</b>	Define language and culture Material and Non-Material culture Preservation of language Cultural influences on language development Language Matters – PBS Documentary Unit Quiz Cultural Comparisons Research Project	4 weeks
<b>Origin of American English</b>	Origin of the English language Cognates and Loan words Prescriptivism vs. Descriptivism American Dialects Unit Quiz American Dialect Research Project	4 weeks
<b>Language and Stereotypes</b>	Language, Dialect, and Perception Stereotypes and Bias Linguistic Profiling Stereotypes in media Conlangs and the creation of culture Unit Quiz	4 weeks
<b>English as a Lingua Franca</b>	Lingua Francas and Official Languages The Influence of Technology on Language English as an Official Language Debate	2 weeks
<b>Culture in Business</b>	International Law	3 weeks

<b>and Diplomacy</b>	The Influence of Culture on Diplomacy International Agencies Culture and Current Events International Etiquette International Programs and Study Abroad Unit Quiz	
<b>Final and Review</b>	Final Research Project and Presentations	2 weeks

*\*Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*