



Dear A Level AICE Global Perspective parent,

To better communicate with my students and their parents I am asking you to read and respond to this document. I will e-mail updates every two weeks to parents and students. If you do not wish to receive these updates respond as directed at the end of this letter.

I would ask you to look at my website if you wish to know what we are doing this semester. The site is www.shshistory.com or you can Google it with my name, Dr. Sandra Carihfield. All assignments for the semester are located on the AICE Global Perspectives tab (then click on A Level). A calendar for the entire semester is also under the calendar tab. Also, on the web site are additional review materials, citation help, my biography, my contact information, links to important sources, and citation machine. So, if a student is absent or you are making plans to be out of town you can check the calendar to know what we are doing in class.

I am an experienced teacher and have taught high school history, geography, economics, and government. I have also taught AP American History and AP American Government. I have been teaching AICE for seven years, have attended twelve seminars on their teaching methods, and visited Cambridge University. I have taught Pre-AICE Global Perspectives, AICE Global Perspectives AS and A Levels, AICE American History AS and A Levels, and AICE International History. I taught American History, Political Science, Western Civilizations, and International Relations at State College of Florida. I have taught student teachers at West Virginia University, and Humanities for the graduate school at Marshall University. Read my web site under *meet the teacher* to find more about where and what I have taught.

The classroom has thirty computers in it, due to a grant I wrote seven years ago, to provide my students with computer access to Windows 10 and the Internet. There are rules they must follow to be able to use the computers, but they do not have to use them every day if they do not wish to word process their work. The students may e-mail their assignments to me from home via the Blackboard Network.

The syllabus is on my website, and on Blackboard for students and parents to refer to throughout the year. I will not waste the paper to print a syllabus for each student, but they are welcome to print one in the media center or at home. The course is designed to further develop the AICE student to writing a full two sided research paper and a accompanying log of their research path. They will present an argument, evaluate sources and evaluate the material using critical thinking. The course is developed as paper 4 required by Cambridge. The papers and course requirements are in the syllabus. All the skills are applicable to their high school and college career and the world they will soon be moving into.

My request is for BOTH your e-mail AND your son/daughter's e-mail addresses. Please provide your e-mail address if you wish to get my e-mails. They are blind e-mails so no one else will see your address. Please take a minute right now and e-mail me at sandy.crihfield@sarasotacountyschools.net. In the title line of the email please place the following information: 1) the name of the person who has each account so I will know whose e-mail it is, 2) your son/daughter's name, and 3) write A Level AICE Global Perspectives. I will set up distribution lists and start emailing when I get them organized. Thank you for the information.

I look forward to a great year with your son/daughter. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,
Dr. Sandra B. Crihfield

