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Overview of INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES

Understanding the Times (Grades 10-12)

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Textbooks/Resources Used

- ***Understanding the Times: A Survey of Competing Worldviews*** – Student Text from Summit Ministries (hardcover; ISBN-13: 9781434709585); Kindle Version available from Amazon
- ***Understanding the Times***, Student Manual from Summit Ministries (ISBN-13: 9780936163215)

***SSI Fee:** \$15/semester (see additional note below)

Class Description:

- *All Humanities, Speech and, Government students will be required to participate in an On-Site Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI) during the year.
- Francis Schaeffer once wrote that the problem the twentieth-century church had when viewing the culture was that it saw things in bits and pieces and not in wholes. The church spent time putting out cultural fires without seeing that they were really all connected.
- This two-semester course will cover the basics of a Christian worldview. The student will be able to explain the concept of worldview and defend a Christian worldview against the tenets of Marxism/Leninism, Secular Humanism and Cosmic Humanism. The student will see the implications of worldview on the realms of Theology, Philosophy, Education, Science, Sociology, Psychology, History, Politics, Economics, and Fine Arts.
- The class will spend extra time on a survey of Psychology, its leaders, and the major tenets of their schools of thought. The class will focus on marriage and family concerns, emotional intelligence, Reality Therapy and Choice Theory.
- Students will have regular reading and work assignments from the text, quizzes over the worldview chart, a final examination with both written and oral sections, class discussion of current events, an in-class presentation, and participation in Student Statesmanship Institute.

Grading: The **final** grade for this course will be weighted by the following

- Final Oral Exam 15%
- Position Papers 30%
- Presentation 15%
- Weekly Enrichment 10%
- Weekly Essays 30%

Grading Scale

90-100%	=A
80-89%	=B
70-79%	=C
60-69%	=D
Less than 60%	=E