



Coyle and Cassidy High School

Choices Program
2017-2018



About the Choices Program

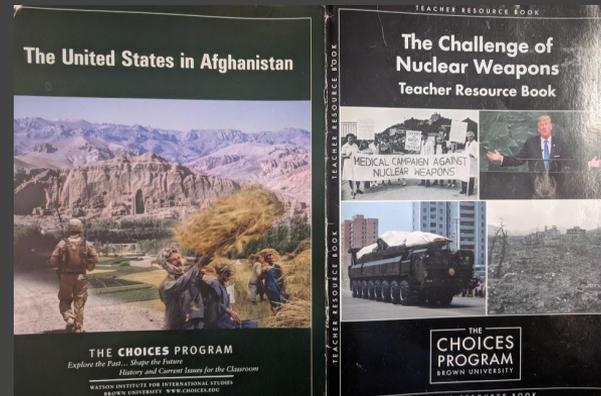
About the Program

- The Choices program seeks to empower students with the skills, knowledge, and participatory habits to be engaged citizens who are capable of addressing international and public policy issues



Why did we Choose the program?

- The course materials provided in the Choices Program give a great basic understanding of the topics that they set for each of their units



Content Presentation

To present content to the students I used the provided materials and supplemented them with materials from outside the Choices program to provide a greater depth of knowledge.

Materials Used from Program

- Essential/Focus Questions
- Geography Lessons for each unit
- Student reading assignments Parts I-III
- Graphic Organizers
- Study Guide and Advanced Study Guide
- Movies/Documentaries from recommended lists
- Role Play Formative Assessments

Materials Used to Supplement Course Material

- CNN10 Student News (To connect to current events)
- Resources to enrich provided content
 - Documentaries
 - Projects
- Technological Resources
 - Google Classroom
 - Websites that stress key concepts
- Randomizer for all group assignments
 - Forced students to work with different people instead of just their friends in the class

In-Class Assessments

Formative Assessment- Role Play

- Students were divided into groups as suggested in the lesson plan a few days before the assessment.
- Students were provided with the materials for their groups arguments and asked to formulate a group strategy
- During the group activity students were required to create a counterargument to other groups
- Groups acting as a committee would deliberate and decide which group presented the best argument and won the hearing/debate
- Teacher would assess students on content knowledge, effort , and participation in group discussion

Example Hearing



Group 3 presenting their winning argument from the Challenge of Nuclear Weapons Unit

Choice Program Evaluation

The course materials provided in the Choices Program give a great basic understanding of the topics that they set for each of their units.

- For students to have an educated debate or role-play, more background knowledge of topics is needed
 - In our school we addressed this early and supplemented the provided content with further reading, analysis, or lecture (depending on the unit)
- The Choices Program is a great resource that can be used within broader World and U.S. History class units to look into an event that may not be covered as in depth in a traditional textbook
- I would have no problem using the materials for this class again, however I would have to add more supplementary material to make the discussions/assessments more value added.