

2021 Newspaper English II Course Outline

Course description:

This course is designed to help students develop techniques to read English newspapers. In this course, students will expand their vocabulary and obtain grammar/comprehension skills necessary to understand English articles. In every class, three to four articles from the latest newspapers will be covered. Students are asked to write their thoughts and opinions about the articles they have read to develop critical thinking skills as well.

Learning outcomes:

Students will be familiar with vocabulary and English grammar used in newspapers.

Students will be able to quickly and accurately summarize articles.

Students will be able to comprehend English newspaper articles thoroughly.

Students will be able to discuss on and write their opinions about the articles.

Assignments:

Every week, students are asked to read one or two articles to complete the worksheets handed out in class.

Grading criteria:

1st and 2nd term tests: 60%

Summer and winter vacation assignments: 10%

Every week assignments: 30%

Assignments account for 40%.

Please submit them consistently without delay.

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(You may e-mail me anytime about assignments and the questions you have about the class.)

Required course material:

Japan Times/New York Times