

# **The United States in Global Affairs**

## **Final Portfolio**

This electronic portfolio is meant to represent the work you put into this course and the understanding you take away from it. For each simulation, you will need to complete numbers 1 and 2. These are due on the day of the simulation, but you may revise them for the final submission. The final portfolio consisting of items 1, 2, and 3 is due on Friday 5/18.

**1. Country Profile (30%)\*:** Select one country currently serving on the UN Security Council. You will profile this country for the entire trimester and complete 3 reports: 1) 1918, 2) 1953 and 3) 2013. For each simulation, prepare the following using both original text and visual aids:

- a. Geography: Political boundaries, important cities, significant landforms & waterways, regional neighbors, natural resources, climate etc.
- b. Economy: Economic system, dominant industries, major trading partners, important technology
- c. Culture: Ethnic and religious demographics, social class hierarchy, gender roles, traditions, etc.
- d. Government: Type of political system, dominant power groups, current leaders, current alliances & rivalries, IGO membership.
- e. Ideology: Dominant political or spiritual belief systems

**Position Papers (30%)\*:** For each of the three simulations (1918, 1953, 2013) prepare a 1-2 page position paper that responds to the issue being discussed. This must be from the perspective of the country you have selected and should be based on concrete factual evidence.

**Reflective Essay (40%):** Basically, I want to know how well this course helped you answer the questions you are most interested in. After the final simulation, you will write a 3-5 page essay reflecting on at least two of the course focus questions. In your answers, integrate as many of the following topics and/or concepts from the course as you can:

- a. The debate surrounding Huntington's Clash of Civilizations thesis.
- b. Realist, Liberal, or Constructivist theories of international relations.
- c. Ethnic nationalism
- d. Globalization & Global Governance
- e. The role of "non-state" actors
- f. The Global North and the Global South.
- g. Your Current Events Journal
- h. The Final issue simulation

\*Each country profile and each position paper needs to be accompanied by a bibliography that includes a variety of relevant and credible sources. All citations and bibliography entries must adhere to the Chicago Manual of Style.