

Modern Studies

The topics pupils will study are:

Rights & Responsibilities in Scottish, British and European Society

how representatives are elected for Scottish, UK and European Parliaments

how representatives work on our behalf

what are pressure groups?

how to detect bias and exaggeration

Contemporary Issues in the USA

how the US Political system works

gun control in the US

life in the ghettos of US cities

race relations in the USA

Emerging China

How Chinese political system works

Justice in China

Human rights in China

Enquiry Skills

Pupils will complete an Investigation on an aspect of US society. Topics would include Race Relations, Gun Control and the Death Penalty.

Assessment

Pupils will be assessed through a combination of homework, jotterwork and unit tests. Class assessments will be in the form of unit tests based upon Knowledge and Understanding and Enquiry Skills. Pupils' US Society Investigation will be graded on planning, recording and presentation skills.