

# DID YOU KNOW?

- 🌐 Mount Everest is not actually the world's tallest mountain.
- 🌐 Galileo didn't invent the telescope.
- 🌐 No one has ever been found innocent of a crime.
- 🌐 Writing comes from the Old English word writan- 'to scratch'.
- 🌐 Iceland had the world's first legislature.
- 🌐 Greenland isn't really green, or even the country's name anymore.
- 🌐 The days of the week were named after Norse Gods & giant objects in the sky.
- 🌐 There was another substance inside John A MacDonald's glass, whenever he entered the legislature...
- 🌐 Napoleon was not actually short for his time period. He was 5'6".

These tidbits are **ENDLESS** in a Socials Class...



Come see any Social Studies teacher for more info - or - pop by the Socials Office: B214.

# Central's Social Studies Department Course Offerings



Oh the places you'll go...

# Junior Courses

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All junior courses will incorporate the ministry of education's core competencies:

Personal and Social Competencies  
Communication  
Thinking

## Socials 08

## Socials 09

## Socials 10

SOCIALS 8-10 will be rooted in the curricular competencies referred to as the "big 6" historical thinking perspectives.

\*Other senior electives not listed BC First Peoples 12, Economics 12, and Global and Intercultural Studies



# Senior Electives

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## AP Psychology 12

This course will introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Topics addressed: Social Psych, The Brain, Personality, Learning, Intelligence etc. Students should be fully aware of the heavy content of this course and the academic challenge of a six credit university level course. The content of this course supports a broad range of study/career paths including business, law, education, and health studies. The final exam in May is optional but strongly recommended.

## Global & Intercultural Studies 12

This course will help students become more able to live in and understand a globalized world, to resist stereotypical thinking, and to recognize and challenge imbalances of power and inequity. Students will reflect on the sources of their own values, examine globalization and our changing economy, practice cross-cultural communication, and conduct in-depth cultural research.

## Human Geography 12

A study of the forces that shape the earth's surface, the resulting features, and how they affect people. Topics include: climatology, climate change, overpopulation, resource depletion and the impact of technological development on humans.

## Socials 11 Explorations

This survey course introduces three areas of study: historical inquiry and ethical assessment, law studies, current social justice issues, and geographical awareness in an ever changing climate. The course will emphasize inquiry based learning and research.

## Psychology 11/12

This course introduces human behaviour, basic psychological concepts and enables students to put them into practice. Topics include the biological basis of behaviour, as well as human development, personality, social psychology, abnormal behaviour, treatments, etc.

## Philosophy 12

Philosophy is a discipline that examines the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence. Students will delve into methods of reasoning and argument, metaphysical theories about the nature of reality, theories of being, epistemological theories about knowledge and truth, justice and freedom, morality and ethics.

## Law Studies 12

A survey course with an emphasis on statute law, case law, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and criminal and civil law as encountered by the average citizen. Topics include: Procedural law, human rights, contracts, torts, family law, consumer law, young offenders law, and emerging legal concerns.

## 20th Century History 12

A study of world history in the 20th century and the examination of the developments that have profoundly affected our civilization and way of life. Topics include the Treaty of Versailles, World War II, the Cold War, imperialism, the arms race, nationalism, militarism, internationalism and the fall of communism.

## Social Justice 12

This course will develop students' ethical and philosophical reasoning skills by exploring issues of injustice. Topics include: animal rights, media, consumerism, propaganda, child labour, homophobia, women's rights, racism, global issues environmentalism and social "heroes".