

Understanding the Times

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Text:	<u>Understanding the Times: The Collision of Today's Competing Worldviews</u> , David A. Noebel, Summit Press, 2006												
Other Materials:	<u>Understanding the Times Curriculum</u> 4 th edition, Summit Press. 2006. The curriculum includes a student manual and video presentations.												
Course Description:	Understanding the Times is a one-semester course (1/2 unit). There are ten units to this curriculum plus an Introduction and Conclusion section. Understanding the Times is about ideas. A comparison of six worldviews is examined. The views are Christianity, Islam, Secular Humanism, Marxism-Leninism, Cosmic Humanism and Postmodernism. The worldviews are examined in the areas of theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history. Two hours of college credit may be received from Bryan College, an accredited university in Dayton Tennessee. Application and tuition must be submitted to Bryan College by May 1 st .												
Methods of Evaluation:	Homework, tests and a worldview paper are the methods of evaluation. While class discussion is not graded it is expected.												
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	August 22	Review Theology 1.1-1.2 HW Read Theology 1.3-1.4 Q p 37-38
	August 25	Review Theology 1.3-1.4 HW Read Theology 1.5-1.6 Q p 38
	August 26	Watch “Marks of the Cults” Video part one HW- Q #1 p 57
	August 27	Watch “Marks of the Cults” Video part two HW- Q #2-5 p 57
	August 28	Review Theology 1.5-1.6
	August 29	Review “Marks of the Cults” Video Questions Receive Study Notes
	October 1	Watch “Icons of Evolution” pt 1 HW Q p 124, #1-8
	October 2	Watch “Icons of Evolution” pt 2 HW Q p 124, #9-10
	October 3	Review “Icons of Evolution” Watch questions on video Receive Study Notes
	October 6	Watch “Psychology” video
	October 7	TEST Unit Four HW Read Psychology 5.1-5.2 Q p 139
	October 8	Review Psychology 5.1-5.2 HW Read Psychology 5.3-5.4 Q p 139-140
	October 9	Review Psychology 5.3-5.4 HW Read psychology 5.5-5.6 Q p 140

	<p>October 10</p> <p>October 14 instructions p 158</p> <p>October 15</p> <p>October 16</p> <p>October 17 <i>Fiction</i></p> <p>October 20</p> <p>October 21</p> <p>October 22</p> <p>October 23 video 1</p> <p>October 24 video 2</p> <p>October 27 Marriage” videos</p> <p>October 28</p>	<p>Review Psychology 5.5-5.6 HW Read <i>Homosexuality, Fact or Fiction</i> p 141-148 in Student Manuel Q p149</p> <p>IN COMPUTER LAB Write worldview paper</p> <p>PSAT Write Worldview paper</p> <p>IN COMPUTER LAB Write worldview paper</p> <p>Review <i>Homosexuality, Fact or Fiction</i> HW Read Sociology 6.1-6.2 Q p 161</p> <p>Watch “Sociology” video HW Read Sociology 6.3-6.4 Q p 161-162</p> <p>Review Sociology 6.1-6.4 HW Read Sociology 6.5-6.6 Q p 162</p> <p>Review Sociology 6>5-6.6</p> <p>Watch “Love, Sex and Marriage” HW Q p 174</p> <p>Watch “Love, Sex and Marriage” HW Q p 174</p> <p>Review “Love, Sex and Marriage” videos Receive Study Guides</p> <p>Watch “Law” video WORLDVIEW PAPER DUE</p>
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October 29	TEST Unit Six HW Read Law 7.1-7.3 Q p 193
October 30	Review Law 7.1-7.3 HW Read law 7.4-7.6 Q p 194
October 31	Review Law 7.4-7.6
November 3	Watch “Entertainment” video pt 1 HW Q p 198
November 4	Watch “Entertainment” video pt 2 HW Q p 198
November 5	Review “Entertainment” video Receive Study Notes
November 6	Watch “Politics” video
November 7	TEST Unit Seven HW Read Politics 8.1-8.4 Q p 217
November 10	Review Politics 8.1-8.4 HW Read Politics 8.5-8.6
November 11	Review Politics 8.5-8.6
November 12	Read <i>The Shifting Focus in the Abortion Debate</i> p 225-231 HW Q p 232
November 13	Review <i>The Shifting Focus in the Abortion Debate</i> essay essay p 233 HW Read <i>The Battle for Life</i> Q p 238
November 14	Review <i>The Battle for Life</i> Receive Study Guide
November 17	Watch “Economics” Video
November 18	TEST Unit Eight

	<p>HW Read Economics 9.1-9.3 Q p 243</p>
November 19	<p>Review Economics 9.1-9.3 HW Read Economics 9.4-9.6 Q p 243-244</p>
November 20	<p>Review Economics 9.4-9.6 HW Read <i>Principles of a Christian Environmental Ethic</i> Q 259-268 Q p 269</p>
November 21	<p>Review <i>Principles of a Christian Environmental Ethic</i></p>
November 24 Samaritan” video	<p>Watch “The Dangerous Samaritan” video HW Q p 274</p>
November 25 Samaritan” video	<p>Review “The Dangerous Samaritan” video Receive Study Notes</p>
December 1	<p>TEST Unit Nine</p>
December 2	<p>Watch “History” video HW Read History 10.1-10.2 Q p 279</p>
December 3	<p>Review History 10.1-10.3 Q p 279</p>
December 4	<p>Review History 10.3-10.4 HW Read History 10.5-10.6 Q p 280</p>
December 5 281-286	<p>Review History 10.5-0.6 HW Read <i>Censoring the Past</i> p 281-286 Q p 287</p>
December 8	<p>Review <i>Censoring the Past</i></p>
December 9 video	<p>Watch “The Historical Jesus” video</p>

	<p>HW Q p 302 Receive Study Notes</p> <p>December 10 Review “The Historical Video”</p> <p>December 11 TEST Unit Ten</p> <p>December 12 Watch “Worldview Witness” video</p> <p>Q p 309 HW Read Conclusion 11.3 Q p 310</p> <p>December 15 Review “Worldview Witness” video</p> <p>HW Read Conclusion 11.4-11.5 Q p 310</p> <p>Exam covers all units</p>
Course Objectives:	<p>The goal of this course is to open the students’ eyes to the war of ideas competing for their hearts and minds. Students should understand that everyone has a worldview which is founded upon ideas. Students should be able to anticipate the response of a Muslim, Secular Humanist, Marxist, Postmodernist or Cosmic Humanist and see ideas from a Biblical perspective. After completing this course, students should be able to: articulate a factual foundation for their chosen worldview, develop basic skills of disciplined worldview inquiry, understand the similarities and differences between the worldviews they studied, and apply an understanding of the worldviews in the area of the natural sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, and biblical studies.</p>
Date completed:	September 27, 2008