Distance Learning for
Contemporary Issues (12th Grade)
Weeks #1- 4
April 6 - 27

Essential Question:
How has the Covid 19 pandemic information and facts changed over time?

Instructions:
1. As we move through this historic pandemic around COVID-19, journal how our government reacts to a nation in crisis. Document where you get your sources of information, noting why those sources are credible. A journal entry can be as simple as a paragraph documenting info and dates.

2. Maintain a journal of events by making at least 3 different entries each week. Below is the focus that each week’s journal should touch on. It can be online using Google Docs or on paper. (3 Journal entries x 4 (weeks) = 12 total entries of your work)

3. Choose one of the following ways to present your information: a Paper, a Journal (Paper), a PowerPoint or a Video Journal.

Week #1
Focus on the science of Covid 19. What do we know now that we wish we would have known 2 months ago. Think about how contagious the virus is, how the treatment has changed and how the vaccine is coming along.

Week #2
Focus on Politics. How has the Federal and State governments responded to the crisis? Think about how Congress has worked together to help the American people and what the President has ordered to happen over the last few weeks. Look at the Federal Reserve and the stock market and what restrictions or help did the gov’t have in place to help keep the economic part of the crisis to a minimum?

Week #3
Focus on Maryland. How has Maryland responded to the crisis - think about the limitations placed on its citizens and how those went from small to shelter at home; the money allocated for things such as essential workers; and maybe an area or two where the state dropped the ball and should have done more.

Week #4
Focus on the ending of the crisis. By this time, we should be nearing the end of the worst part of the crisis here in the US - it won’t be over, but we may be on the downward curve. What are some of the overall numbers (statistics) that have come out of this crisis and what have we learned? What can the Federal Government do to prepare for the next pandemic? How do we help other countries that are just now starting to see this in their own homelands?