

High School Social Studies Meeting, January 5, 2023  
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The agenda was focused upon: Ethics, Geography, History and Politics.

1. Discussion on MSA/5PK topics included: theme formulation, facts, reasons, arguments of different perspectives, and the importance of drawing/reaching a conclusion (current weight is: 30%/40%/30%. Use of provocative question was highlighted.
2. Under integration of politics, history and ethics into a combined curriculum, it was noted that Geography should be taught separately.
3. Miscellaneous topics included: Student excursions to nearby locations such as Sachsenhausen and the Mauermuseum (the Allied Museum also recommends itself). Concern was expressed that there were not enough excursions available to 11th Grade students in particular. Changes in structure presented by the "Ganztag" should be viewed positively, in terms of: learning, cooperation, less stress and the opportunity for students to complete their homework at school.