Sophomore Politics Listening & Speaking
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Session 1 (9-1-2020, 8am): Course Introduction
*Your instructor: Mr. Julian Lee
*Online learning: Syllabus & In-class Expectations
class monitor
*Session topics & grades
comfortable & confident

*Why learn English? Tests Vs. Communication
Asking Questions → improve grammar, pronunciation, fluency
*Complete Sentences: 2 things are necessary
Subject & Predicate. Noun & Verb.
*If you can't answer my question, 3 Responses
Please repeat (more clearly, more slowly, more loudly).

*Western Names
Full name: 3 parts -
First Name = Given Name
Middle Name
Family Name = Last Name = Surname
Formal Vs. Informal
My full name is Julian Tyler Lee
李小龙 = Bruce
His full name was Bruce Xiaolong Lee.
Initials = His initials are BXL, mine are JTL
BIG LETTERS: ENGLISH NAME, 中文名字 & Pinyin, home-town, a place I want to travel

Session 2 (9-8):

*News   typhoon   *Review from Session 1

*Location & directions. Who sits...?
On Sb.'s right/left. Next to Sb.
In front of Sb. Behind Sb.

*Line Up Alphabetically (from A to Z) by...
_____ comes before _____. _____ comes after _____.

*Titles: Miss Mrs. Ms. Mr. Dr. Prof. Pres. Chairman Sir
stranger "Excuse me, sir/madam/ma'am."
If you meet Donald Trump, you would call him "Mr. president" or "President Trump."
Feminism = equal rights for men and women
Maiden Name
In the USA, kids can choose to take their father's or mother's surname. Some kids choose both surnames & are "hyphenated" (i.e. Lee-Wang)

*What do Western names mean? Most Western names are not words, and if they originally had a meaning, most people don't know it.
How do we know if a name is male or female?
Ending in -a often female, ending in -o often male
 Unisex names, clothes: masks, jackets & coats, hats, etc.

Session 3 (9-10): *News? *Review from Session 2
campaign finance: Europe has public election finance (elections are publicly funded)

*Geographic Place Names (Cities, rivers, lakes, mountains etc.): China & USA geography
Names of places in China often describe the place (its location, climate) or talk about peace.
named after Sth./Sb. I am named after my great grandmother (Sb. Had the same name before you)
Named by Sb. = sb. Chose your name for you
Zhong Shan in Guangdong Province is named after Dr. Sun Yat-Sen.
Sun Yat-Sen is the founder of the RoC, the father of modern China.

**Introducing yourself in English (handout)
We live in the southeast of Changchun, in the Nanguan District, on the Jingyue campus of NENU.

*Your major: specialization, focus, concentration
I specialize in...   I focus on...
My concentration...
My field of study is political science/public administration (PA). Theory/theoretical & practice/practical
government, politics
Subfields of political science include... 1. Political Theory (social contracts, democracy, philosophy) 2. Comparative Politics (political systems, elections, nationalim), 3. IR = International Relations, (In the USA, 4. American Politics 5. Political psychology)
Confucius = The original Chinese political theorist

*Introduce your "new friend" to the class.
"This is my new friend..."
S/he is from CITY, PROVINCE and lives in the _____ part of the city, near _____.
She goes to school at NENU and majors in polt., focusing on...
FAMILY
Hobbies

Session 4 (9-15): Time & Punctuality
*News   *Review

*Finish handout: Questions we should not ask in a formal introduction

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*Handout on Time & Punctuality

punctuality = being punctual = on time
Early Vs. Late

What's time? = What does the word "time" mean?
Time difference = China is one hour ahead of Thailand.
Thailand is one hour behind China.
Time Zones 时区 24 1-hour divisions, The International Dateline
(180 degrees longitude)
How many time zones does China, The USA, Russia have?

The Date: Today is Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020.
The order is the opposite of Chinese.

telling time

*The basics: What are the following times in English? 12:00AM =
midnight 11:59pm → 12:00am
12:00PM = noon 11:59am → 12:00pm
1:15 = quarter past/after 1, One fifteen
1:45 = quarter to two, One forty-five
9:30 = half past 9, nine-thirty

What time did you go to sleep last night?
What time did you get up this morning? Get Vs. got
What time did you eat breakfast?

What time do you usually...?

How many...? There are # ...

Decades 年代: We are in the 20s.
2010s = the teens, like teenager
2000s = the aughts , the zeroes

The PRC formed in the 40s. This shows that the country's found-
ing was a process rather than a single event. The Korean War was
fought in the 50s.
The Great Depression in the USA was in the 30s.
depression (the economy is shrinking quickly or stagnant) Vs. reces-
sion (economic growth is very slow or shrinking).
When was the USA founded? In which century was the USA found-
ed? The USA was founded in the 18th century. The Ming Dynasty
was founded in the 14th century.
In what century did South Korea become a separate country? It was
a colony 殖民地 of Japan, and then it was one country. After the
Korean War, Korea separated into two countries. South Korea was
founded in the 20th century.

a generation = 一代 20-30 years (about how long it takes for a per-
son to be born and have their own kids)
代购 = generation gap

Generations in the USA...

The Greatest Generation → fought in WWII, made the USA
the strongest country in the world, established major political
institutions in the USA
The Silent Generation
Baby Boomers
Generation X
Millennials
Generation Z

Generations in China...
The Old Revolutionaries

80 后 = The post-1980 generation
90 后 = The post-1990 generation
post-2000 generation

Session 5 (9-17): Finish Time & Punctuality

*News
Russia as mediator (a neutral party that helps the two sides
in a conflict communicate, work to solve their problems)
The problem is solved.
Many worry that the Taiwan Strait issue could be a flash
point for war.

*Review

*Finish Periods of Time
*How often...? & "What did s/he say?"
cafeteria = 餐厅
Po goes to/eats in the cafeteria three times a day.
Karen goes to the cafeteria every day.

Diego calls his parents three times a week.
Shaw calls his parents once a week.

The Olympics and U.S. presidential elections are held once
every four years.

College classes have two exams per semester: the midterm
& final exams.

*How long does it take to...? Line up by distance from
Changchun.
Who lives the closest to Chanchun? Stella & Emma live
closest to Changchun.
Who lives farthest away? Elif, Alisa, and Noora live farthest
away.
It takes Elif four days to go from Kashi to Changchun by
train.
It takes four hours for Nature to go to Changchun by plane.
Nature lives much closer than Elif to Changchun.
It takes Elif much longer to go to Changchun than Nature.

*When will Sth./Sb. _____?

What will happen first in China?
1. Gay marriage will be legal.
2. Marijuana will be legal.
3. China will have a female president.

*When was the last time Sth./Sb. ___?
It's been 41 years since China last went to war (with Vietnam).

Next session: Likes & Dislikes

Session 6 (9-22): L&D
*News: a satellite for cel-phone signals or an explorer? *Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg died → debate about filling her seat on the the USSC before the election. She was one of the most important figures in U.S. politics for women's rights. Will abortion rights continue?

*Review

*Likes & Dislikes Handout

Translate for animals: 我喜欢狗。

I like dog (I like to eat dog meat). Vs. I like dogs.

3 basic forms.

我很喜欢音乐。 I very like music. (Chinglish = Not OK). I like music a lot.
Herman doesn't really like to play games.

Other Expressions & Adverbs

With a partner, find 1. Something both of you like. 2. Two things one of you likes and the other doesn't. 3. Something neither of you likes.
Present to the class:
____ and I both like ___. I like ___, but s/he doesn't. Neither of us likes ____.

Favorites...
I like many kinds of ___ , but I especially like ___.
Liking Sth. most.

*Preferences. A or B Questions: Listen carefully for an "or" in the question. It's easier to miss than a 还是.

*Experiences 经历
Q: Have you ever 过去分词?

A: Yes, I have. No, I haven't.
What do you think of skydiving? Have you ever traveled abroad?

With a partner, find 1. Something you have both done before.

2 & 3. Something one of you has done but the other hasn't. 4. Something neither of you has done.
P r e s e n t: Both of us have...
I have ···, but s/he hasn't ···
Neither of us has...

Next session: College in the USA & The World of Work

Session 7 (9-24): College in the USA & The World of Work

*News PE = physical education = learning by doing, education for our bodies = gym class
*Review
hegemony = domination (control by irresistible, overwhelming force)
The USA became a regional hegemon in the 19th century when it declared the Monroe Doctrine to keep European powers outside of the Americas (North & South)
China wants to be carbon-neutral by 2060
Line up alphabetically by your favorite fruits.
My favorite fruit is bananas. My favorite fruit is rambutan. Bananas come before rambutan in the alphabet. Rambutan comes after bananas.

*Handout: College in the USA

Levels of schooling. Where did you go to ____ school? Kindergarten in the USA is the lowest level of primary school: K-4 = elementary
幼/儿园 = pre-school (ages 2-4)
班 In the USA we don't stay with the same class. Staying in the same class, you can get to know your classmates well. Changing classmates means meeting more new people.

College Application & Admission Process
Factors in China: The College Entrance Exam
Factors in USA: Standardized tests (SAT, ACT = not necessary), high school grades (& what classes you took), recommendation letters, extra-curricular activities, ethnicity

Why do colleges consider ethnicity? Affirmative Action = try to help underprivileged minorities

The best colleges in the USA are in the Ivy League.
They are private colleges.
The best universities in China are public.
The worst colleges in the West are "for-profit" online schools.

Discuss with a partner: What are the advantages and disadvantages of the college admission processes in China & the USA? Can/should Chinese colleges consider more than Gaokao scores or not? Which is more fair/unfair?

Session 8 (9-29): Finish College, The World of Work, Begin Travel & Basic Political Geography

*News   Trump nominates Amy Coney Barrett for US Supreme Court (she is young, in her 40s...these are lifetime appointments)
The first presidential debates will be held Tues. between Joe Biden & Donald Trump.
An investigative report in the New York Times has revealed Pres. Trump's tax returns.

*Review

The school year: how many terms 学期? 2= semester
3= trimester 4= quarter
midterm exam

Why go to college? Get an education, broaden your horizons, improve oneself. To get a better job.

Your major: Political science & public administration
What are your job prospects after you graduate?

Homework for after 10-1: two worksheets on jobs & work. Introduce vocabulary on first worksheet.

*Travel handout
Spring Festival = Chinese New Year

Q: What's the difference between A & B?
holiday Vs. vacation   The RoK (Republic of Korea) & The DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)?
bicycle Vs. motorcycle   小笼包 Vs. 蒸饺
A: A... B...

Travel safely! Have a good trip!

The Puppet Emperor's Palace (of Puyi) from Manchukuo

How much time off do students get for summer/winter vacation in China/the USA?

10-1 = Chinese National Day

Ask your neighbor what his/her travel plans are for National Week/ Golden Week. If going nowhere, this may be called a "staycation."
Present on what your neighbor plans to do.
Escape Room Cinema = movie theater
take a stroll
I can't wait to/for…
vocation (profession) = 职业 Vs. vacation = time off from work or school

Travel documents

10-6: Greetings, The World of Work worksheets,

*News: first U.S. presidential debate 2020, Covid-19 strikes U.S. gov't
Interruptions from Trump: His opponent was not allowed to answer questions. They "talked over" one another. The moderator argued with Trump a lot.
No one won the debate. America lost?
Less a debate than a "mud-slinging contest"
The vice presidential debate is on Thurs.

Pres. Trump became ill/sick with Covid-19.
He caught Covid-19 (the coronavirus)
In the debate, Trump mocked his opponent Joe Biden for always wearing a big mask. He long downplayed the disease, doubted the science, and repeatedly says that it will all be over soon. He says this because he wants to be reelected.

No effective measure, treatment, or vaccine.

Israel & Lebanon maritime border dispute in the Mediterranean Sea, an agreement brokered by the UN

US gov't declares no communist party members may enter the county

*Review

*American Greetings & Oral English handout

*Your National Week vacation: Did everything go as planned?
Accomplish 实现 A regret is something we wish we had done differently.
Regrets: What do you wish you had done differently?
"Whaddaya wish you woulda done differently?"
I have no regrets. I regret nothing.
I wish I had done more work on Thurs. and Fri.
She regrets not having read more book.
She regrets not reading more.

*World of Work worksheets: any questions?

Next session:

10-8: Political Geography, Disagreements, Yes or No Questions.

*News UN discusses sensitive issues of Chinese governance in HK and Xinjiang.
Trump returned from the hospital after three days to the White House, will participate in the 2nd debate.
Did Trump actually have Covid-19?
Did he leave the hospital too soon?   He is now taking many experimental drugs and steroids. More gov't officials including his advisor Stephen Miller have tested positive.

*Review

*Basic Political Geography handout

*Handouts: Presidential Debates, Accountability

*Yes or No Questions: 3 forms

10-13: Dialogs of Disagreement

*News : Masks for children 6-10 as they go back to school or not? Not for those under 6.
Protests in Australia against jailing refugees
Having tested negative for Covid-19, Trump will resume hosting mass campaign rallies.

*Review

*Basic Political Geography handout (updated and distributed)

PROBLEM FOR DISCUSSION (to be a poll on DingTalk): Many countries rely on tourism as a major part of their economies, but Covid-19 has closed many countries' borders indefinitely. One city in Thailand, Chiang Mai 清迈, for example, estimates losses of over 21 million RMB from closure to tourists. Weighing and balancing the importance of tourism to China's economy with the need to prevent a "second wave" of Covid-19, when should China reopen its borders to foreigners, and why? Should foreigners with jobs or families in China be treated differently (allowed in earlier, as they were on Sept. 28th) than tourists? Why/why not?

* In the end of a discussion, do you "see eye to eye" (agree) or "agree to disagree"?

*The Yes-to-No Spectrum

*Handouts: Presidential Debates, Accountability

Trump said he would start a trade war with China. He actually did start one. Therefore he is accountable for this, although we think it is a bad idea.

Homework for next session (Thurs.): With a partner (or in a group of 3), write a dialog 对话 of 10-15 lines about a (preferably political) topic you disagree about. Use at least 10 words/phrases from "The Yes-to-No Spectrum" handout and the Debates/Accountability handouts. You will read the dialogs to the class on Thurs. Choose a topic in this session of class. Write it down on paper.

10-15: Perform dialogs of disagreement. Begin comparisons grammar.

*News: Apple released iPhone 12   w/out charger or headphones. China and the USA may not fight a military war or even a new cold war, but cyberwarfare and the "tech wars" are certainly ongoing. Tech wars are more competition than war. Are we competitors or adversaries.

Boris Johnson, Britain's PM, is shutting down shops and restaurants in the north of the country to fight a new Covid-19 outbreak. Should the USA, with more serious outbreaks, also lockdown?

Must Americans "learn to live" with Covid-19 and pursue herd immunity rather than trying to contain it with lockdowns?

*Review

*Poll results on reopening China's borders...

*Perform dialogs of disagreement. Listen carefully, as other students will be asked questions about the dialogs.

Should the PRC take back control of Taiwan now or soon, and how?

Politicization = making something political that should not be political. i.e. the politicization of academia (scholarship). Academic politicization is bad.

Pandemic
Epidemic Vs. academic

Reform & Opening
Not necessary.

Threats to China?   The China threat? Does China's rise threaten other countries?

Predicting the 2020 presidential election: Whether or not you think he should be re-elected, do you think he will be?

Anonymity on the internet... → freedom of speech or security risks and disorder?

Pronunciation: uh-huh   quarantined
"comprehensive blockade" (lockdown)
Not necessarily. Moral decline. Competent

*Once more, with feeling! I'd say! Hell yeah!
Oh, come on! You're joking, right? Oh my god!
That goes against every bone in my body. That's crazy!

*Comparisons grammar handout.

Next session: Compare China and the USA generally.

10-20: Comparisons, compare China & the USA in general

*News: $12 billion from the World Bank to help developing countries address Covid-19. Many developing countries are considered corrupt and may misuse the aid funds.

Protests in Bangkok, Thailand, demand the resignation of PM Prayuth and the reform of the Thai monarchy, generally rewriting

the constitution to return to a (Western-style, liberal) democracy. Mainly led by students. Repelled by a water hose.   Currenty Thailand is governed by a military junta.   A "professional military" is supposed to provide national defense but have no interest in governing a country. When the military rules a country, it is sometimes called "Praetorian"

*Review

*Basic grammar structures

*Fact Vs. Opinion   Stereotypes = General statements that make a value judgment about an entire group of people (usually exaggerated or not true)
Similar Vs. Different   Similarities Vs. Differences

*Compare China & the USA one at a time, in complete sentences   Fill a Venn Diagram.

*Next session: Electoral politics in the USA & Basic political terms

10-21: Finish China & USA comparisons, move on to the 2020 Presidential Election

*News: Paris will close a mosque as a result of the beheading of a middle school teacher, trying to stop radical Islamists from getting a foothold in the country.

Final presidential debates are being held, with new rules: the candidate whose turn it is not will have his microphone muted. Trump supporters think this is unfair.

*Review comparisons

*Handout on Electoral Politics
The three levels of government: 1. National (federal)/Central 2. Provincial/State 3. Local (county, city, village, etc.)

*Next session: The political spectrum in the USA

10-27: The political spectrum in the USA

*News: League of Legends finals (e-sports, MMORPGs)
The word "laborer" is a self-deprecating word. "Sunshine" & diligent laborers are dangerous? Social pressure makes these people anxious about the future.
Blue-collar (factory laborers, industrial) Vs. white-collar workers (office workers, commercial) (in the West)

*Review
National legislature: the body of representatives that makes the laws of a country
In the USA, it is called Congress.
In China it is the NPC (National People's Congress).

*Videos: Did you watch them?
Documentary

The people who vote in the elections are called "the electorate" (people eligible to vote). To be in the U.S. electorate, one must be a citizen, at least 18 years old. Since the U.S. was founded in 1776, the electorate has expanded to include almost the entire population of adult citizens.

Election Vs. appointment (two ways to gain political office) Political positions may either be elected (chosen by the electorate in an election) or appointed (chosen for the position by a leader or authority figure).

Who are the two main candidates for president in the USA this year? Pres. Trump (the incumbent, running for re-election) Not incompetent, but similar pronunciation Joe Biden (the challenger)

The smaller parties in the PRC other than the CCP are called "consultative parties" because they consult with advise the CCP in governing.
A one-party system is more stable (if things are going well).
A two-party system favors political competition and uncertainty of electoral outcomes.
"the silent majority" = either apolitical people or people that don't vote or participate visibly in politics
Turnout = the % of the electorate that actually votes in a particular election. If below 50%, then we may say there exists a silent majority.
If turnout is below 50%, as is usual, it is more difficult for the winner of the election to claim a popular mandate, representing "the will of the people".

*How did the candidates become the nominees of their parties?

*The political spectrum (on handout): from liberal to conservative
(ideologically reversed in China)

Next session (next week Tues.)... discuss videos on/by Gary Johnson, Joe Lieberman, Bernie Sanders, Republican Senators, Robert Reich, Ron Paul, Michael Moore, Tomi Lahren, Elizabeth Warren, Rush Limbaugh. Listen to what they say, and identify their ideological positions. How far left or right are they? Choose from far left/right (radical), progressive, liberal/conservative, Libertarian, left-leaning/right-leaning, and centrist/moderate. Please watch the videos rather than looking them up online.

Example: Ed Markey's campaign ad. What is Sen. Markey's political position?

On Thurs., Oct. 29th: Small Conversation Groups (10-11:45am, 12:00-1:10pm...note your group and meeting

time, tell me if you have any conflicts)

11-3: 2020 Presidential Candidates' Policy Platforms

*News: Swing states are still close, but Biden leads Trump in polls. "Shy" Trump voters may not admit to supporting Trump in phone polls.
*Review

*Small Conversation Groups debriefing: once more before the end of the semester.

*Videos on the political spectrum. Gary Johnson, Joe Lieberman, Bernie Sanders, Republican Senators, Robert Reich, Ron Paul, Michael Moore, Tomi Lahren, Elizabeth Warren, Rush Limbaugh
Choose from far left/right (radical), progressive, liberal/conservative, Libertarian, left-leaning/right-leaning, and centrist/moderate.

*Liberals & Conservatives in Western countries and in China (reversed right-wing & left-wing positions)

*Powerpoint presentation: 2020 Presidential Candidates Policy Proposals.

*Speeches and statements in support or against any candidate?

*Homework: voting systems 1. direct election (no majority requirement... plurality OK) by DingTalk poll, 2. single round ranked choice (text me your ranking of the four candidates from 1-4, using the first letter of the party. Your #4 choice will lose points= you really don't want this candidate to win)

EXAMPLE OF 2.: LRDG or 1. G 2. D 3.L 4. R

*Next session: Vocabulary game

11-10: U.S. Presidential Poll Results & Midterm Review Game
*Sign up for an oral exam time & date on the DingTalk spreadsheet.

*Written exam either Thurs. (if possible) or Tues. (if Thurs. isn't possible).

*U.S. Presidential Poll Results: 1. Direct Election: Biden (12) > Trump (11) > Hawkins (2) > Jorgensen (0)
2. Ranked-Choice: (1st = 2pts., 2nd = 1pt., 4th = -2pts.)
Biden (31) > Trump (12) > Hawkins (-6) > Jorgensen (-13)
Conclusions: Biden became a clear preference in 2. but a narrow favorite in 1. You really don't like the 3rd-party candidates and don't vote ideologically (i.e. left or right wing) but like the status quo/fear radical changes. Why?

*Midterm Review Game: Your team is your table (5 teams?). Choose a "team captain" to represent your team. The winning team gets a fabulous prize when I return to Changchun.

*Spelling   *Give an Example
*Which level of gov't? (1. national, 2. state/provincial, 3. local)

*Oral Exam: Answer in a Complete Sentence
*(if time permits) Rhyme Battle
*Dictation

I hope Prof. Wang will tell us soon whether you will have the written exam on Thurs.

*Example Oral Exam

11-24: Midterm Debriefing, Begin Discussion of Music & Politics

*News: Canadian Ambassador used the "g-word" genocide, Chinese foreign minister defended China's policies. We can expect more criticism on these grounds from Pres. Biden.

Cultural relics have been found in the UK (taken from China?) The history of Western imperialism for museums is an ongoing issue, in terms of whether countries like Britain should return what it has taken from other countries it colonized.

*Midterm Results: Total Average (mean) = 79.9

Total High = 96		Total Low = 52
Oral Average = 54 (83%)		
Oral High = 64		Oral Low = 43
Written Average =	25.8 (74%)	
Written High = 34		Written Low= 5

*Option: Read the whole written exam OR just answer specific questions

*3 Handouts on Music

What is a national anthem?

*HOMEWORK (for Tues. Dec. 1st): Homework for Tuesday, Dec. 1st: Each student will choose one song, preferably one s/he likes, and prepare a statement of 1-3 minutes about it. After reading the statement, classmates and the instructor may ask the presenter of the song questions. The songs chosen must either be 1. political OR 2. of the following less frequently heard styles: A Cappella; Jazz; Country; Blues; Soul; Goth; Industrial; Metal; Reggae; Experimental (not more than one example per class…see the handout for examples). The instructor would be happy to help you find a song based on a particular topic or in a particular style. The Excel spreadsheet file lists over 250 examples of political songs for you to explore.

Choosing a song by a Chinese artist is OK if it meets requirements 1. or 2.

After choosing your song, enter your name in the oral

exam spreadsheet "Music Presentation Songs" with the name of the artist/band, the name of the song, its style and the year it was made (if known). Also enter a link so that we can find the song and listen to it. If it's not accessible online in China, you can also send an mp3 file of it to the class on DingTalk. I have entered an example with a link that only goes to a 30-second sample, but try to find a full version if you can.

*Next session: Pronunciation

11-26: Pronunciation

*News: Launched space explorer to the moon to take samples (and other extra-terrestrial bodies, eventually)

Pres. Xi congratulated President-Elect Biden.

*Example of a song presentation: "Ther-Ether May" by Soweto Kinch (2017). Enter your song in the spreadsheet by Sat. & be prepared to talk about it on Tues.

*Letters in the alphabet: Vowels & Consonants
Sing the ABCs

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

"Now I sang my ABCs. Next time won't you sing with me?"   anti-disestablishmentarianism

*Phonics: The letter ___ makes a ___ sound (or a ___ sound).
Phonics let us "sound out" new words.
[Use the sound of the consonant plus a schwa Ə]
Combinations form syllables.
The letters ___ & ___ make a ___ sound (or a ___ sound)
br   cr   str   sh   sl   sq
spl   spr   ch   scr
The dreaded "th" sounds ⊠ ơ
Examples: This is the thistle 薊 INCLUDEPICTURE "https://i.pin-img.com/originals/2e/fd/03/2efd0347af513d654464ef1d26ec3833.jpg" \d

*Vowels: Long & Short

⊠ Ē Ī Ō Ū   ă ĕ ĭ ŏ ŭ

*Minimal Triplets

Ē		ĭ		⊠	
	ă		⊠		ĭ
eat		it		ate	
	bat		bait		bit
heat		hit		hate	
sack		sake	sick		

ă		ĭ		ĕ
bat		bit		bet
ham		him		hem

*Song: I Like to Eat, Eat, Eat Apples and Bananas.

There will be a pronunciation section on the final oral exam.

*Next Session: Music & Politics (Students' 1-3 minute song presentations)

*12-1: Song Presentations, Read handout on Music & Politics

*News: Death of Diego Maradona, one of perhaps the two best soccer players who ever lived. He died of a heart attack at just 60.

Online shopping regulation increases in China.

*Present on your song & answer our questions.

*Music & Politics handout

*Homework: From the list of your classmates' songs, rank your three favorites and one that you didn't like.
(i.e. 1. Prom Queen, 2. One Day, 3. Autobiography of a Nation, 4. We Are the World). What is your class's favorite political song?

*Next session: Basic terms in politics (based on handout on course website)

12-3: States & other basic terms in politics

*News: UK gov't has approved a vaccine for Covid-19, becoming the first Western, developed country to do so. Former French president died of Covid-19.

U.S. economy and labor market appear to be recovering slowly, adding 300k jobs, mainly in the service sector. Rs & Ds in Congress have agreed on a new economic stimulus for Covid recovery.

*Favorite song results on Tues.

*Read handout together

What job does a PA major naturally fit? PA majors can use their studies to be civil servants/gov't officials/public administrators.
Regarding policy, what do administrators do?
Public administrators and civil servants implement policy (put it into practice).

*Sign up for a presentation on a term related to states/the state (on the same spreadsheet as song presentations/oral exams)

*Example presentation: Traditional state Vs. Virtual state

*Next session: Present your political term to the class for 3-5

minutes

12-8: Student presentations on "State" terms in political science

*News (incl. internet upgrade & favorite song vote results = runoff after "narrowing the field")
ILO says Covid-19 has stalled growth in salaries, especially for women and people of color. Mass evictions may be coming in the USA as people are unable to pay their rent or mortgage.

Britain & the EU are in last-ditch talks on a trade deal before Brexit leaves the country in a disadvantageous position that could like to rising prices and shortages.

*Review

*Present on your term according to the sign-up sheet. Be prepared to answer a question afterwards.

*If there's time, finish the handout on "basic terms in politics"

*Next session: Describing a Person

12-10: Finish State Presentations, Start handout on Describing a Person

*News: International Space Station has harvested radishes. 50 kinds of plants have been planted.

Mt. Everest was announced to be a little higher in elevation, as agreed by presidents of China and Nepal.

* "State" Presentations from Wendy, Cassie, Herman, Karen, & Lily

*Describing a Person Handout

One's physical features may be more obvious than their personalities.

A person in today's world must have membership in a state's population, or citizenship.

*Example description of a classmate (as will be on your final oral exam)

*Next session: listening and descriptive activity based on the handout

12-15: Draw a Classmate's Description of a Photo, Love & Relationships

*News: A new milestone has been reached in the relief of rural poverty.
German Chancellor Angela Merkel announced restrictions on public life due to Covid-19.
*Set up extra computer
*Review

*With a partner, take turns drawing his/her description of people in a photograph.
RULES: Speak in English to one another.
Only one partner gets to see the photo. Do not take a picture of the photo! If you are drawing, do not try to look at the photo.
Take about 10 minutes to describe the photo for your partner to draw. Start with the basics: How many people are in the picture? What do they look like? What are they doing (sitting, standing, etc.)? What's in the background? Are they holding anything? What are their facial expressions?
 Then switch roles from drawing to describing for a second picture. Draw for 10 minutes and share again.

*Descriptions Handout: Sexual Orientation, Personality

*Love & Relationships (Handout...soap operas another year)
KEY for personal questions: "That's none of your business."
"Mind your own business."

Next session: Dreams for the Future.

12-17: Dreams for the Future

*News: A notorious South Korean rapist was released from prison after serving an insufficiently long sentence. The neighborhood has very high security where he lives. Criminal justice reform.

Covid-19 has impeded efforts to reduce global poverty and improve public health, according to the UN and the Gates Foundation. GDP losses will number many trillions.

*Review

*Handout: Outlooks on life and the world interpreted in a glass of water. Which are you, and how do you know?
Japanese collaborators in WWII were opportunists.

*Handout: Ranking of values. What is a value, and what is a specific goal? Yours and your classmates'.

*Your "bucket list": What are five things you want to do before you "kick the bucket"? Compare and share with your classmates. Which do you think you will or won't accomplish?
Someday, I'd like to...
If I ever get the chance, (I'd like to...)
I'd be disappointed if I never (got to...)

Next session: finish incomplete pronunciation lesson, play two (or more) pronunciation games

12-22: Pronunciation games & finish Pronunciation lesson w/ a song

*News: Covid-19 is mutating, with a new strain found in Britain that is more infectious. X-mas will be under lockdown.

Environmental transmission/material transmission is known to be possible on imported goods.

"The novel coronavirus"

*Review

*Sit with your teams (1-5) from the midterm review game (the winning team gets a fabulous prize when I return to Changchun.). Will someone join Team 5?

*Each team will play each game twice. The winning team gets two points.

*Pronunciation Tic-Tac-Toe: Say the word in the square you want your X or O to be in. If your pronunciation is correct, your X or O goes in the square. Three Xs or three Os in a row wins the game. In the first two games, repeating the same word can replace the X or O. In games 3-5, no replacements.

*Rhyme Battle. What is a rhyme? When do two or more words rhyme? Rhyming words have a different beginning sound but the same vowel & ending sound.

*Do these words rhyme or not?   rhyme & time
rhyme & roam   rhyme & right   rhyme & ring
rhyme & sublime   rhyme & rind   rhyme & Rhine
rhyme & rye   new   few   view   mew   review

*Rhymes are the basis of poetry诗 and rap music (说唱音乐). In hip-hop culture, two MCs may compete against one another in a rap-battle to build themselves up and "diss" their opponent. See, for examples, the movie "8 Mile," starring the hip-hop star Eminem.

*A Rhyme Battle is a simpler version of a rap battle you can play with a friend (or two teams in class). We begin with a word, any word that rhymes with at least a few other words. Each team takes turns rhyming with it until one team can't think of a rhyming word. The team that gave the last example wins, and the team that can't think of another one (within five seconds) loses. Please don't use your phones for this (that would be cheating).

Vote   boat   coat   note   goat   wrote   smote   float

state   debate   date   late   hate   mate   great

poll   dole   roll   hole   toll   stole   mole   knoll droll

Trump   jump   dump   bump   pump   lump   stump   grump   rump

lie   tie   die   high   eye   pie   why   fry   bye   dry   cry   sigh   shy try   vie   my   nigh   sky   thigh   spry   spy

*End of pronunciation lesson interrupted by a bad connection: Song to practice vowel sounds.

*Vowels: Long & Short

⊠ Ē Ī Ō Ū   ă ĕ ĭ ŏ ŭ

*Song: I Like to Eat, Eat, Eat Apples and Bananas.

*Minimal Triplets

Ē	ĭ	⊠
	ă	⊠
ĭ		
eat	it	ate
	bat	bait	bit
heat	hit	hate
sack	sake	sick

ă	ĭ	ĕ
bat	bit	bet
ham	him	hem

*Next session: Small Conversation groups (same groups and times as previously. I'll resend the file.)

12-29: Vocabulary Game

*Divide into two teams & set up extra laptop computer for the game.

*Round 1: Say as much as you need to get your team to guess the word on the card (but no gestures). Round 2: Gestures only (no speaking).

*Next session: Final review game & oral exam sign-up.

12-31: Final Review Game

Sign up for an oral exam appointment.

Sit with your team from the Pronunciation Games & Midterm Review Game.

*Give an example.
*Oral exam questions
*Pronunciation set duels
*Dictation

This is our last session together this semester. Thanks for your cooperation and patience, and good luck on your exams!