

A Guide to *Australian and Global Politics Units 1&2* by Kimberly Cornell

OUTLINE AND USE

This text is written for students of Australian and Global Politics Units 1 and 2. The text is designed to cover all the important aspects of the study design and encompass the key knowledge areas and skills required to complete the course. This book, however, is not the only source that should be relied upon in undertaking the VCE Australian and Global Politics course. By its very nature, this course is a contemporary study - dynamic and constantly evolving. Students and teachers should consult other resources, such as print newspapers and electronic and online media, in order to develop a comprehensive understanding of any specific topic area. In this way, students will have an up-to-date knowledge of current events, conflicts and issues. The textbook provides a detailed list of valuable websites, investigative learning activities and discussion points to assist and challenge students in their understanding of politics within Australia and overseas.

STRUCTURE

The structure of the text reflects the VCE 2012-2016 study design and is divided into four sections that parallel the four Areas of Study in the Unit 1 and 2 courses. Each section of the text covers the key skills and knowledge required and details the outcomes that need to be achieved. At the end of each section there are 'Review and Revise' questions and essay topics to assist in preparation for outcomes or exams in this subject. The learning activities throughout each section also provide opportunities to develop and test the skills and knowledge for each Area of Study.

KEY TERMS

At points in the text, key terms are marked in bold and defined in boxes alongside the text. These terms can also be found in the 'Glossary' at the end of each unit.

ACTIVITIES

Sets of questions, classroom and extension activities can be found at regular intervals to help guide and focus students' knowledge, understanding and reflection of the key issues. There is a suggested essay-writing guide that might help to structure student essay responses at the end of the section based on Unit 2, AOS 1 on p.205.

SCHOOL ASSESSED COURSEWORK

Teachers of Australian and Global Politics have a variety of assessment options available to assess the required outcomes. Consult www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vce/studies/ausglobalpolitics/ausglobalpoliticsindex.html

The school assessed course work should work towards developing knowledge and skills required in each outcome and prepare students for the content and scope of tasks in school-based examinations.

The structure of this book and the 'Review' sections at the end of each chapter are designed to assist in the development of the required student knowledge and skills. In particular, the 'Review and Revise' questions and tasks should provide suitable models for the content of school-assessed coursework.

OTHER RESOURCES

The key references used in this book are listed at the end of the Areas of Study. Websites are listed according to topic areas so that teachers and students can use these for further research and investigation.