



## Teacher's Guide

### What is it?

Academic WorldQuest™ is a flagship youth education program of the national network of World Affairs Councils. It is a team competition testing high school students' knowledge of international affairs. In the competition, four-person teams compete by answering multiple-choice questions divided into ten unique and engaging thematic categories.

### Benefits

- Prepares for future international studies and careers in the global economy
- Topics are compatible with and enhance the study of many existing curriculums and AP courses
- Possibility of attending National Competition weekend in Washington, DC
- Contributes to the national **Common Core State Standards** Initiative by fostering reading comprehension skills for informational text



First place winners of the 2019 Academic WorldQuest Competition. Students from Jasper High School, representing the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas.

### 2019-2020 Topics

1. U.S.-Russia Relations
2. Country in Focus: South Korea
3. Preventing Extremism in Fragile States
4. Oceans: The World's Garbage Dump
5. Great Decisions
6. Brexit and the EU
7. China's Belt & Road Initiative
8. Germany: 30 Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall
9. Qatar and the Future of the Gulf Cooperation Council
10. Current Events

Academic WorldQuest is a program of the World Affairs Councils of America  
[www.worldaffairsCouncils.org](http://www.worldaffairsCouncils.org)

### Structure of Program

Approximately **5,000 students across the country** participate in competitions hosted by **50 local World Affairs Councils across the United States**. Winning teams are invited to represent their high school and local Council at the National Competition, held in the spring each year in the nation's capital, Washington, DC.

### Coaching a team is easy!

- Assemble a team of 4 students
- Identify a local competition – visit [www.worldaffairsCouncils.org](http://www.worldaffairsCouncils.org) to find one
- Assist your team in studying the sources listed on the online Study Guide – all questions come from these sources!
- Attend the half-day local competition
- If your team wins, attend the National Competition in Washington, DC in April



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