



## 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

## 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)

## 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.



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

### 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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