



Teacher's Guide

What is it?

Academic WorldQuest™ is a flagship youth education program of the World Affairs Councils of America. It is a team competition testing high school students' knowledge of int'l affairs. In the competition, 4-person teams compete by answering multiple-choice questions divided into 10 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.

2020-2021 Topics

1. Global Protests
2. Shifting Sands: The Arab Spring 10 Years On
3. International Labour Organization
4. The U.S. Foreign Service in the 21st Century
5. Great Decisions
6. Country in Focus: Uzbekistan
7. Exploring Peace in a World of Conflict
8. Fraying Alliances
9. Looking to a Post-Pandemic Economy
10. Current Events

Structure of Program

Approximately **4000 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 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 2021



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