



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 2017 Academic WorldQuest Competition. Students from Plano West High School, representing the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas.

2017-2018 Topics:

- NAFTA
- ASEAN at 50
- India's Bid for Global Power
- Combatting Climate Change
- Cybersecurity
- Saudi Arabia
- Great Decisions
- The Peacebuilding Toolkit
- America's Diplomats
- 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, city, 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 half day local competition.
- If your team wins, attend National Competition in Washington, DC in April 2018



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