



AWQ 2017 Frequently Asked Questions

When will this year's competition be?

Academic WorldQuest will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 at the Hilton Charlotte Center City (222 E. Third St., Charlotte, NC 28202) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A light spaghetti buffet dinner will be served that evening from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The competition will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. with opening remarks followed by eight rounds of questions.

How do I choose a team?

This is entirely up to you as the primary AWQ Coach at your school. The team may consist of students you have in class or students may refer other interested students to you.

What some coaches did to put a team together?

- I recruited from students I taught.
- I recruited students who were already participating (or interested) in Model UN.
- I informed the students of the competition and actively recruited.
- I spoke with the social studies department and got players from the social studies classes.
- I chose students from last year plus advertised over the morning announcements. Kids tell others.
- Engaged kids are interested in this; I sent out a note to the social studies teachers for potential students.
- My students are seniors from my yearbook staff. In the past, I used seniors from my AP European class, but (this year) I thought I would try using students from another environment.
- I chose my students based on their performance in my IB 12th grade class, particularly their participation in our current events discussions.
- I asked other teachers to send a list of students whom they thought would enjoy the competition and could be dedicated to it. From that list, I talked to the students personally and was able to get about 10 kids interested.
- We had an assessment/test to see who would be on the WorldQuest team. I put together a test based on questions from years past and took the top nine scorers.
- I had an interest meeting. If eight or fewer showed up, that was our team. If more, a qualifying current events test and an essay piece would be part of the selection process.



How do I prepare a team for competition?

Coaches have different ways of preparing their teams. Choose the format that works best for you and your students.

What did some coaches do to prepare?

- We met once a week for four weeks. The week of the competition, we met twice during lunch period. I found websites (and suggested that they do the same) and encouraged them to take practice quizzes online. I also directed them to certain media outlets (The Economist, CNN, BBC, etc.) I also broke them into regions, where each kid becomes a specialist on that particular region in terms of flags, geography, people, etc.
- The quiz team met during a scheduled club day once a week. We reviewed the categories and students volunteered to be the go-to person for that category. We did not have group study sessions because the students are involved in many extra-curricular activities. For that reason, the quiz bowl is done on an individual basis.
- The students met and planned strategy. Each took a category. We communicated by email and met only three times.
- This is a student-led and student-directed activity. I met with them twice but the students met as a group themselves.
- They split up the categories and a student led the group.
- The student group organized a Facebook group page and prepped questions online.

How many students may participate in a team?

Competing teams consists of eight students from each high school.

How many teams can each high school send to Academic WorldQuest 2017?

Each high school may send one team (8-students) to represent their school in AWQ 2017.

If a second HIGH SCHOOL team is interested in participating, they can compete in WorldQuest 2017, which is the community version of the competition. Please note that there is an additional cost (\$400 per team) to participate in the WorldQuest 2017. Details are available on our website: www.worldaffairscharlotte.org or you may call Charlotte Klopp at 704-687-7759 for additional information.

Is there a cost to compete in Academic WorldQuest 2017?

There is a **\$ 50 registration fee** for each participating high school team for AWQ 2017. Details are included in your registration form.

What do the students think of the event?

This is one of the WACC's most rewarding programs because the students really do have a great time with their peers while participating in an academic competition geared toward displaying their knowledge of the world in a fun and engaging way.

Coaches comments:

- *They loved it!*



- *They enjoyed the questions. Now that they have participated, it was not as hard as they had anticipated.*
- *My students had a really good time. The group itself got along really well and had a great time at the event answering the questions and competing. As it was our first time, the students and I agreed this event was going to be for fun and to get our school involved in more activities. All the students cannot wait to do it again.*
- *They enjoyed it and the young ones realized there is much more to know than what is being taught in their history classes!*
- *Thank you for a wonderful evening! What a great event for our students to experience.*
- *It was impressive to see so many teams interested in world affairs all participating in the same event! We had a lot of fun!*

Will I get help with preparing them?

Yes! A short study guide with an explanation of the topics (rounds) will be given to you. It will also include several websites suggested for study and sample questions to familiarize you with the format.

Sample questions from past competitions are available online through

<http://www.slideshare.net/charlotteworld>

Is there another coach I can contact to ask about the competition?

Yes. We have seasoned coaches and educators who are available for questions and advice. Just ask Charlotte Klopp (cklopp@worldaffairscharlotte.org; 704-687-7759) for their contact information.

Here are a couple of videos that highlight what goes on during the competition:

You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESvEiNLItzg&feature=plcp>

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/82294418>

What do the students win?

Top teams receive Barnes & Noble gift cards and medals.

How many teams play?

Last year 24 teams from Mecklenburg, Union County, Gaston, Iredell and Cabarrus County schools participated. We have the ability to host up to eight additional schools.

What do the coaches do during the competition?

You get to play! We set up three teams for you (coaches) to relax and have some fun during the event.

Can parents and guests attend the competition?

We typically do not encourage the attendance of guests and parents due to space limitation at the hotel. For your knowledge, the ballroom is set-up for approximately 600 people (round tables with 8-seats). In addition, dinner is only served for participants (and coaches) competing in the Academic WorldQuest and WorldQuest.



While we would like to accommodate viewers, we have to be mindful of space, cost and logistical issues associated with a program this scale.

How do I find out more?

Email Charlotte Klopp at cklopp@worldaffairscharlotte.org and she will send you additional information. You could also give her a call at 704-687-7799.