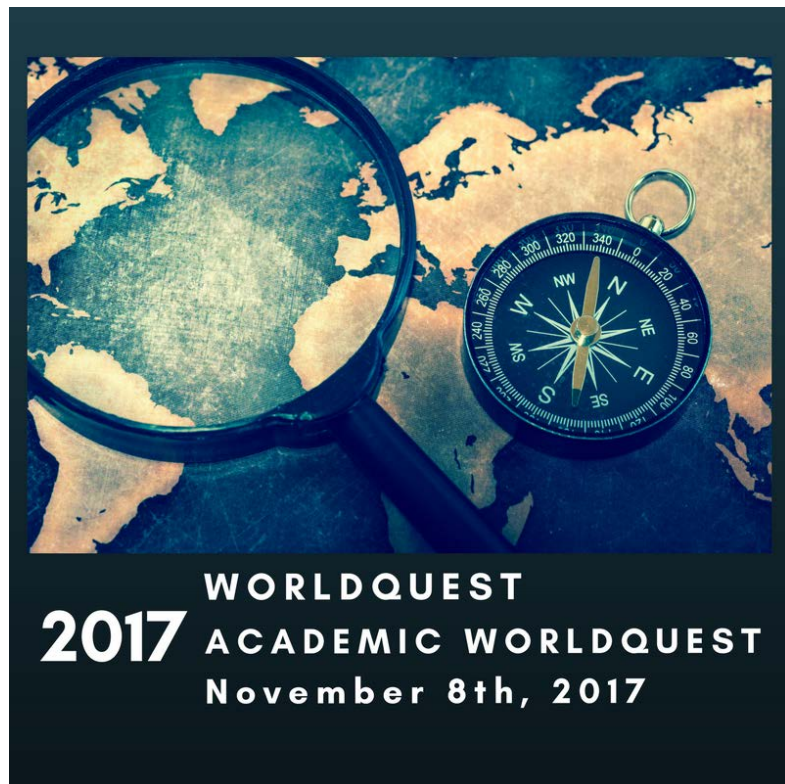




2017 Joint WorldQuest / Academic WorldQuest STUDY GUIDE

The WACC does not endorse any of the links or information provided on any of the websites recommended below. The study guide serves as "informational material" to help you begin your prep strategy. You are certainly not required to use any of the sources/links provided below in order to prepare to play.

Your WQ or AWQ team is encouraged to do additional research/studying/reading separate from this study guide.



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The sources and sample questions provided are only meant to be a basic guide to help you begin preparing for WorldQuest or Academic WorldQuest.

PowerPoint slides for previous year's WorldQuest/Academic WorldQuest are available online: <http://www.slideshare.net/charlotteworld>

If you are new to WQ/AWQ, it's a great preview to see the types of questions we ask.

Never played WorldQuest / Academic WorldQuest before? Check out highlights from past competitions:

1. 2016 WQ & AWQ Video Highlights: <https://vimeo.com/192010731>
2. 2016 WQ & AWQ Teaser: <https://vimeo.com/170812894>
3. 2013 WQ and AWQ Video Highlights: <https://vimeo.com/82294418>
4. 2011 WQ and AWQ Video Highlights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESvEiNLltzg>

Who Can Play?

WorldQuest: Each team consisting of eight players is formed by businesses, government institutions, schools/colleges, non-profits or other self-determined groups. Individuals without a group will be assigned to a team by the Council.

Academic WorldQuest: Each high school in Mecklenburg, Iredell, Cabarrus, Gaston and Union County can send a delegation of students as a team to represent their school. Only one official team from each high school can compete in AWQ.

How are WorldQuest and Academic WorldQuest Played?

- WorldQuest participants compete in 7 categories
- Academic WorldQuest participants compete in 8 categories (which includes 2017 Great Decisions)
- Each category will have 10 questions
- Each question is typically allotted 30 seconds though there will be at least 5-7 questions (total) requiring extra time (45 seconds to 2 minutes)
- Each team collaborates to answer each question before submitting their answer sheet at the end of each round

What Do You Win?

- AWQ and WQ teams will be judged separately
- Medals and trophies are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning teams for both WQ and AWQ

- Winning teams will receive special recognition and have their photos taken with Larry Sprinkle, WCNC weather anchor and our emcee for the evening

How Should My Team Prepare?

The best way to prepare is to review international news coverage and our category descriptions on our website at www.worldaffairscharlotte.org

WorldQuest 2017 and Academic WorldQuest 2017 categories

1. Great Decisions 2017 (for AWQ players)
Categories we're covering for GD 2017: Nuclear Security: The Enduring Challenge of Nuclear Weapons, Conflict in the South China Seas
2. World Flags
3. Geography of Italy
4. Saudi Arabia in Transition
5. History of the Cold War
6. Venezuela in Crisis
7. World Elections
8. Food, Culture, Dance, and Anything in Between

NOTE: WorldQuest 2017 participants will compete in 7 rounds while Academic WorldQuest 2017 participants will compete in 8 rounds (includes Great Decisions 2017)

CATEGORY 1: Great Decisions 2017 (*only for Academic WorldQuest competitors) – Categories we are covering this year: Nuclear Security, Disputed Territories

Published annually by the Foreign Policy Association, the **Great Decisions** briefing book features impartial, thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today. Questions asked will be in **multiple-choice** format.

Sources:

If you need to purchase a copy of Great Decisions 2017: http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials

Copies of the Great Decisions 2017 Briefing Book will be mailed to AWQ high school coaches who request for them. Limited copies available and we will distribute based on "first-come-first serve."

2017 Topic Descriptions for Great Decisions (*Copied directly from the 2017 Great Decisions summary online via Foreign Policy Association website)

Nuclear Security: The Enduring Challenge of Nuclear Weapons

Nuclear nonproliferation was a top priority for the Obama administration. While the Iran Deal was a diplomatic victory toward this end, major threats persist from both state and non-state actors. Countries like North Korea, Russia, and India and Pakistan continue to challenge nonproliferation efforts. The possibility that terrorists will carry out an attack using a "dirty bomb," made from captured nuclear materials, looks increasingly real. In a fractious world, which way forward for U.S. nuclear security policy?

Conflict in the South China Sea

The South China Sea is a locus of competing territorial claims, and China its most vocal claimant. Beijing's interest has intensified disputes with other countries in the region in recent years, especially since China has increased its naval presence. Despite rising international pressure, including an unfavorable ruling by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, China staunchly defends its policies in the region. Preventing tensions from boiling over is a matter of careful diplomacy.

CATEGORY 2: Flags of the World

Questions in this category will include identifying an image of a country's flag or identifying a flag based on a description.

Answers are typically written on the answer sheet provided to each team.

No multiple choice options. Questions will be in fill-in-the-blank format.

Study Link

- [Flags of the World – CIA Fact Book](#)
- [Flags of the World - Quiz](#)

- [Flags of the World - Trivia](#)

Sample Questions

1. Identify this flag: _____ **(write the answer on your answer sheet)**



ANSWER: Canada

2. This flag has two equal horizontal bands of azure (light blue) and golden yellow. These colors represent grain fields under a blue sky. Identify the country: _____ **(write the answer on your answer sheet)**

ANSWER: Ukraine

CATEGORY 3: Geography of Italy

Geography of Italy covers a series of questions about maps, area topology, climate and atmosphere, ecology, mineral deposits and plant/animal distribution.

Most questions will be in multiple-choice format, but there will be a few fill in the blank and/or matching questions to add variety.

Helpful Links:

[Italy - National Geographic Kids](#)

[Italy - National Geographic](#)

[Geography of Italy, Landforms - World Atlas - WorldAtlas.com](#)

[JMU - Italian Geography](#)

[Italy | history - geography | Britannica.com](#)

[Italian geography | Geography of Italy | Peter Sommer Travels](#)

[The Geography of Italy: Map and Geographical Facts - TripSavvy](#)

[Map of Italy - Lonely Planet](#)

[List of cities and towns in Italy | Italy | Britannica.com](#)

[The 5 Largest Lakes in Italy | USA Today](#)

1. What is the capital city of Italy?
 - A. Florence
 - B. Milan
 - C. Rome**
 - D. Tivoli
2. What is the tallest mountain in Italy? _____ **(Answer: Monte Bianco)**

CATEGORY 4: Saudi Arabia in Transition

We will cover major themes related ongoing Saudi Arabia foreign policy, its cultural and social-economic conditions, and outcomes and challenges related to the Saudi government and civil society.

This topic covers a gamut of issues, and because it's not limited to one topic, the issues are ongoing. Your best method to keep up with what is going is to read the news from reputable media outlets and foreign policy think tanks (i.e. Brookings, CFR).

Most questions will be in multiple-choice format, but there could be a few fill-in-the-blank and/or matching questions to add variety.

Helpful Links

Saudi Arabia country profile - BBC News
How Stable Is Saudi Arabia? | Council on Foreign Relations
Saudi Arabia in Transition | Belfer Center for Science and International
Saudi Arabia in Transition - Foreign Policy Association
U.S.-Saudi Relations | Council on Foreign Relations
Saudi Arabia News - Top stories from Al Jazeera
Saudi Arabia - The New York Times
Saudi Arabia - latest news, breaking stories and comment
Saudi Arabia - Brookings Institution
Saudi Arabia | Center for Strategic and International Studies
Saudi Arabia | Foreign Policy
Saudi Arabia - Foreign Policy - GlobalSecurity.org
Saudi Arabia's Foreign Policy | Middle East Policy Council
How the 1967 War dramatically re-oriented Saudi Arabia's foreign policy

Sample Questions

1. When did women in Saudi Arabia get to vote?
 - A. 2000
 - B. 2012
 - C. 2004
 - D. 2015**

2. What did the Saudi government name their plan for reform and reductions in expenditure? _____
(ANSWER: Saudi Vision 2030)

CATEGORY 5: History of the Cold War

We will cover major themes related to the Cold War including the historical elements, cause, impact and effect of the Cold War (1947 – 1991) on foreign policy, geopolitics, regional conflict, and international law.

Most questions will be in multiple-choice format, but there could be a few fill-in-the-blank and/or matching questions to add variety.

Helpful Links:

Cold War History - Cold War - HISTORY.com
Cold War | Causes, Facts, & Summary | Britannica.com
The history of the Cold War - CNN.com
BBC - History: Cold War
The History of the Cold War in 40 Quotes | Council on Foreign Relations
Cold War - The George Washington University
The Cold War | National Archives
Berlin Wall - Cold War - HISTORY.com
Berlin is divided - Aug 13, 1961 - HISTORY.com
Containment and Cold War, 1945-1961
Cold War | Foreign Policy
Cold War Foreign Policy Test Flashcards | Quizlet
Cold War Practice Quiz - ProProfs Quiz
SparkNotes: The Cold War (1945–1963): Quiz
East and West Germany reunite after 45 years
The Berlin Wall fell 25 years ago, but Germany is still divided
Berlin Wall: What you need to know about the barrier that divided East and West
Cold War Interactive Map - Google
The End of the Cold War - National Museum of American History
Fall of the Berlin Wall Marked End of Cold War - VOA News
Fall of the Soviet Union - Cold War - HISTORY.com
Soviet Union timeline - BBC News
United States Relations with Russia Timeline: The Cold War
Soviet officer who averted cold war nuclear disaster dies aged 77
How The CIA Found A *Soviet* Sub — Without The *Soviets* Knowing
How Mikhail Gorbachev ended the *cold war*
The Space Race - Facts & Summary - HISTORY.com
NASA - United States-Soviet Space Cooperation during the Cold War
The Space Race: Cold War History for Kids *** - American Historama

Sample Questions:

1. In what year did the Cold War end?

- A. 1989
- B. 1990
- C. 1991**
- D. 1992

2. Which statement best describes most Eastern European countries immediately after WWII? They _____

- A. adopted democratic reforms in their political systems
- B. became satellite states of the Soviet Union**
- C. became dependent on aid provided by the Marshall Plan
- D. emerged as world economic powers

CATEGORY 6: Venezuela in Crisis

We will cover major themes related ongoing Venezuela' economic and political crisis related to the Venezuelan government and social-economic conditions.

This topic covers a gamut of issues, and because it is not limited to one particular topic, the issues are ongoing. Your best method to keep up with what is going is to read the news from reputable media outlets and foreign policy think tanks (i.e. Brookings, CFR).

Most questions will be in multiple-choice format, but there could be a few fill-in-the-blank and/or matching questions to add variety.

How Venezuela went from a rich democracy to a dictatorship on the brink of collapse
Venezuela | The Guardian
Venezuela crisis: What is behind the turmoil? - BBC News
Venezuela - The New York Times
Venezuela News - Top stories from Al Jazeera
China offers support for strife-torn Venezuela at United Nations - Reuters
Venezuela crisis: What happened? - CNN - CNN.com
Venezuela on the brink: a journey through a country in crisis
Venezuela Is Falling Apart - The Atlantic
Talks between Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and opposition make headway
Venezuela at breaking point as controversial poll nears
The Venezuelan Crisis Spills Over to Brazil | Best Countries | US News
Latin American nations seek Venezuela crisis mediation - Reuters
Venezuela in Crisis | Council on Foreign Relations
Venezuela opposition denies start of talks with government
Venezuela crisis raises talk of 'Odious debt' doctrine
Colombian President: Venezuela is a 'dictatorship,' but US military action is a bad idea
What the Crisis in Venezuela Tells Us About Populism in Today's Time
[Venezuela's 'Plan Rabbit' encounters 'cultural problem'](#)

Venezuela crisis: Tensions rise as 48-hour strike starts
Crisis-hit Venezuelans leave for Brazil in search of new life
US Senators Seek Sanctions To Address Venezuela Crisis
Nicolás Maduro Fast Facts - CNN - CNN.com
Venezuela opposition blames Maduro for detained activist's death
Venezuelans suffer deadly scarcity of food and medicine | PBS ...
'We're living in the end of times': Starving Venezuelans giving away children to survive
Venezuela asks UN for help as medicine shortages grow severe - CNN
Medicine Shortages in Venezuela: Dying in Agony | Human Rights Watch
Venezuela's Ruling Party Faces Rebellion From Within - Stratfor
[Venezuela in Crisis \(Scholastic\)](#)

Sample Questions:

1. Who is the current President of Venezuela?
 - A. Hugo Chavez
 - B. Ramón José Velásquez
 - C. Nicolás Maduro**
 - D. Raúl Leoni
2. Venezuela has the world's highest annual rate of inflation. **True/False**

CATEGORY 7: World Elections

We will cover major elections (and referendum votes) around the world as it pertains to voting records, referendum changes, parties involved in the elections and issues contested or discussed surrounding these elections.

This topic covers a gamut of issues, and because it is not limited to one particular topic, the issues are ongoing. Your best method to keep up with what is going is to read the news from reputable media outlets and foreign policy think tanks (i.e. Brookings, CFR).

Most questions will be in multiple-choice format, but there could be a few fill-in-the-blank and/or matching questions to add

Helpful Links:

10 Elections to Watch in 2017 - The Atlantic
Election World | Everything About Global Politics & Trends
[IFES Election Guide | Elections](#)
Results of the 2017 General Election - BBC News
These Are the 5 Votes That Will Matter for the World in 2017
French presidential election 2017 | World news | The Guardian
German election 2017: How Angela Merkel became the 'cool' option
Why the German elections matter to the rest of the world - CNN
2017 UK Election Results - Bloomberg
Kenya general election 2017 - BBC News
Kenya's election: Your questions answered - BBC News
A Guide to Europe's 2017 Elections - Brookings Institution
European elections | Politics | The Guardian
[Populists Appear to Fall Short in Dutch Election, Amid High Turnout](#)
The vote that could wreck the European Union - The Economist
Elections Calendar | National Democratic Institute
Rouhani Wins Re-election in Iran by a Wide Margin
Hassan Rouhani wins Iran's presidential election
Iran presidential elections: everything you need to know
Dutch election: European relief as mainstream triumphs - BBC News
Dutch elections 2017 - POLITICO
What Did the Dutch Elections Really Prove? - The Atlantic
South Korea president winner Moon vows to unify bruised country
South Korea's Election: What We Know So Far - The New York Times
South Korea election: Voters choose new president - BBC News

Why did the opposition dispute the presidential election in Kenya?

- A. They alleged that voting officials accepted identification from voters who were from South Africa
- B. **They alleged country's electronic voter system was compromised**
- C. They alleged that the Russians had hacked into the voting system
- D. They alleged Raila Odinga was responsible for voter intimidation at the polls

Kenya embraced a multi-party democratic system in 1992. How many presidential elections has it held since then?
_____ **(ANSWER: Six)**

CATEGORY 8: 1.Food, Culture, Dance, and Anything in Between

The section will address the diverse types of food in a particular country, cultural practices among communities around the world, traditional dance, music, architecture, language and phrases that mean different things (depending on where you are), and just anything else that's related to the above. Think of this as a "global potpourri" of sorts and that we won't cover it all in 10 questions!

Most questions will be in multiple-choice format, but there could be a few fill-in-the-blank questions.

Helpful Links

[Cultural Etiquette Around the World](#)
[Customs and Cultures from Around the World](#)
[16 Words That Can Mean Something Completely Different In The U.K.](#)
[A gesture in another culture - trivia](#)
[Cultural no-no's and oddities - trivia](#)
[10 Romantic Traditions Around the World \(That Aren't Valentine's Day\)](#)
[Cultural Norms - trivia](#)
[Language Quiz](#)

International Music Trivia Quiz - By Aztlan_Historian - Sporcle
World Music Trivia Quiz | International Music | FunTrivia
Travel quiz: the world of music | Global | The Guardian
Languages Trivia and Quizzes - Fun Trivia Quizzes
Dance Around the World : TravelChannel.com | Travel Channel
25 Amazing Dances From Around The World - List25
Cultures Trivia and Quizzes - Fun Trivia Quizzes
6 Classical Dances of India | Britannica.com
Type of Asian Dance | HubPages
Asian Folk Dance - LoveToKnow
12 traditional dances from around the world - The Week
Dance Around the World : TravelChannel.com | Travel Channel
World food: 50 best dishes | CNN Travel - CNN.com
20 Must-Eat Foods From Around the World | Travel Channel
World cuisine: 10 best food cultures | CNN Travel - CNN.com
The 100 coolest works of architecture in the world - Business Insider
World's Top Architecture Cities | Travel Channel
Amazing Architecture Around the World : TravelChannel.com
27 world famous buildings to inspire you | Creative Bloq
What Americans can learn from other food cultures | - TED Ideas

Sample Questions:

1. Hakuna matata (means “no worries”) was a phrase made popular globally by the movie the “Lion King,” but which language is it?
 - A. Igbo
 - B. Swahili**
 - C. Afrikaans
 - D. Yoruba

2. If you were served “century eggs,” where were you most likely visiting?
 - A. China**
 - B. India
 - C. England
 - D. Iran