



2018 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=ESvEiNLIitzg>

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 2018 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 2018 and Academic WorldQuest 2017 categories

1. Great Decisions 2018 (for AWQ players)
Categories we're covering for GD 2018 – Turkey: A Partner in Crisis & Global Health: Progress and Challenges
2. World Flags
3. History of Great Britain
4. Geography of Indonesia
5. Ready, Set, Go: World of Sports
6. The Politics of Migration Around the World
7. What's in Your Wallet? Global Currencies and Foreign Exchange
8. U.S.-North Korea Relations

NOTE: WorldQuest 2018 participants will compete in 7 rounds while Academic WorldQuest 2018 participants will compete in 8 rounds (includes Great Decisions 2018)

CATEGORY 1: Great Decisions 2018 (*only for Academic WorldQuest competitors) – Categories we are covering this year: Turkey: A Partner in Crisis & Global Health: Progress and Challenges

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 2018: http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materialswqe

Copies of the Great Decisions 2018 Briefing Book will NOT be mailed to AWQ high school coaches this year as our partners who typically donate the books didn't have extra.

2018 Topic Descriptions for Great Decisions (*Copied directly from the 2018 Great Decisions summary online via Foreign Policy Association website)

Turkey – A Partner in Crisis: Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump administration. In the wake of a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend in Ankara took a turn for the worse. One year on, an overwhelming majority of the population considers the United States to be their country's greatest security threat. In this age of a worsening "clash of civilizations" between Islam and the West, even more important than its place on the map is what Turkey symbolically represents as the most institutionally Westernized Muslim country in the world

Global Health - Progress and Challenges: The collective action of countries, communities and organizations over the last 30 years has literally saved millions of lives around the world. Yet terrible inequalities in health and wellbeing persist. The world now faces a mix of old and new health challenges, including the preventable deaths of mothers and children, continuing epidemics of infectious diseases, and rising rates of chronic disease. We also remain vulnerable to the emergence of new and deadly pandemics. For these reasons, the next several decades will be just as important—if not more so—than the last in determining wellbeing across nations.

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: History of England

We will cover major themes related to English history including its colonial past, Battle of Hastings in 1066, the Magna Carta, WWI & WWII involvement, the English monarch, the Thatcher years and more.

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:

- [History of England – Lonely Planet](#)
- [History of England – Britannica](#)
- [1066 - BBC](#)
- [The Battle of Hastings](#)
- [Boston Tea Party](#)
- [British Colonialism](#)
- [5 of the worst atrocities carried out by the British Empire](#)
- [Henry VIII](#)
- [The History of the Magna Carta](#)
- [Magna Carta \(UK National Archives\)](#)
- [Why Did Britain Go to War \(UK National Archives\)](#)
- [Winston Churchill](#)
- [The Battle of Britain](#)
- [Britain, the Commonwealth and the End of the Empire](#)
- [Church of England - BBC](#)

- [Church of England – Britannica](#)
- [King and Queens of Britain](#)
- [England – Trivia \(Buzzfeed\)](#)
- [England - Trivia](#)

Which monarch established the Church of England?

- A. King Henry VII
- B. Elizabeth I
- C. Edward I
- D. King Henry VIII**

Who is the longest-reigning monarch in British history? **Queen Elizabeth II**

CATEGORY 4: Geography of Indonesia

Geography of Indonesia 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 could be a few fill-in-the-blank and/or matching questions to add variety.**

Helpful Links

- [Geography of Indonesia – U.S. Library of Congress](#)
- [Geography of Indonesia – World Atlas](#)
- [Indonesia Geography – National Geographic](#)
- [What Are the Specific Major Landforms of Indonesia?](#)
- [Indonesia – CIA Factbook](#)
- [Indonesia – Britannica](#)
- [Indonesia volcano update: How many active volcanoes are in Indonesia’s Ring of Fire?](#)
- [Biggest cities in Indonesia – World Atlas](#)
- [Physical features of Indonesia](#)

Sample Questions

1. What is the capital city of Indonesia?
 - A. Jakarta**
 - B. Bali
 - C. Surabaya
 - D. Phuket

2. What is the second largest city in Indonesia by population? **(ANSWER: Surabaya)**

CATEGORY 5: Ready, Set, Go: World of Sports

We will cover major and/or unusual sports and/or sporting events from all around the world.

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:

- [WorldCup 2018 Stats](#)
- [2018 Olympics \(PyeongChang 2018\)](#)
- [The Big Sports Quiz of the Year \(2017\)](#)
- [Ultimate Geography Quiz: Sports Edition](#)
- [International Sports Trivia](#)
- [Weird Sports Around the World](#)
- [Unusual Extreme Sports From All Around the World](#)
- [Google reveals the 10 most popular sporting events in worldwide searches during 2017](#)
- [10 Most-Watched Sport Events In The History Of Television](#)
- [French Open 2018: Rafael Nadal beats Dominic Thiem to win 11th title](#)

Sample Questions:

1. In which sport can you score a waza-ari, ippon and yuko? _____ **(Answer: Judo)**
2. Basque is a common form of which ball game?
 - A. Dodge ball
 - B. Racquet ball**
 - C. Cricket
 - D. Baseball

CATEGORY 6: The Politics of Migration Around the World

We will cover major themes related to the discussion on migration policies be it deterrence or inclusiveness, the refugee crisis, humanitarian aid (as it related to migration), immigration and population conundrums, unemployment issues, and the decisions, strategies, and proposals made by governments around the world surrounding their own migrant related issues and/or problems.

This topic covers a gamut of issues and remains an ongoing conversation all around the world. 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.

- [Migration – The Guardian](#)
- [Indonesia: A Country Grappling with Migrant Protection at Home and Abroad](#)
- [Venezuela's Migration Crisis](#)
- [Making Migration Work](#)
- [Governments urged to 'do the hard work' to better manage global migration](#)
- [Global leaders must match fine words on migration with urgent action](#)
- [We stopped migration with a €1billion border fence – Hungarian Minister tells General Assembly](#)
- [The most common Mediterranean migration paths into Europe have changed since 2009](#)
- [Theresa May and the Tories choose to ignore the truth about migration](#)
- [Europe's two-faced migration reality](#)
- [EU leaders to seek 'in-depth cooperation' with Egypt on migration](#)
- [Without immigrants, Japan faces an 'uncertain future' - CNN - CNN.com](#)
- [Asian-Americans Make Up Most of the New US Immigrant Population](#)
- [21st century immigration favors Asians and college grads as the US foreign-born share rises](#)
- [Fear of More Anti-Migrant Violence Has German City on Edge](#)
- [What is a Refugee? Definition and Meaning | USA for UNHCR](#)

- [Italy seeks to limit asylum seekers](#)
- [Sharp fall in number of people seeking asylum in EU](#)
- [Spain Orders Mass Deportation of African Migrants - VOA News](#)
- [Spain's right whips up fear as migration surge hits Andalusian shores](#)
- [The hurdles facing migrants trying to reach France from Spain](#)
- [Spain Now Sees More Migrant Arrivals Than Any Other European - NPR](#)
- [Opinion: EU migration debate – let the showdown begin](#)
- [Is the far-right shaping the EU's migration policy?](#)
- [Cameroon migrants grapple with Libya trauma, prison debt](#)
- [Europe migration: 'Horroric experiences' on the crossing from Libya](#)
- [Merkel, Algerian Officials Discuss Migration, Libya](#)
- [Human trafficking and smuggling of migrants](#)
- [Human Trafficking & Migrant Smuggling: Understanding the Difference](#)
- [How Greece got to grips with a relentless refugee crisis - The Irish Times](#)
- [Greece | migrationpolicy.org](#)

Sample Questions:

1. Which country has the highest share of foreign-born people?
 - A. India
 - B. United Arab Emirates**
 - C. United States
 - D. Germany
2. Emigrants from _____ live in more countries than emigrants from any other nation (**Answer: France**)

CATEGORY 7: What's In Your Wallet? Global Currencies And Foreign Exchange

Teams will be expected to identify currencies of different countries. We'll touch on the basics of forex transactions foreign exchange reserves, the relationship between currency and inflation, central bank policies as it pertains to currency exchange and cryptocurrency as well.

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:

- [List of currencies of the world by countries and territories](#)
- [Currencies of the World - World Atlas](#)
- [Top 10 most traded currencies in the world | IG AU - IG.com](#)
- [The world's 10 strongest currencies](#)
- [5 World Currencies That Are Closely Tied To Commodities](#)
- [What is bitcoin? - CNNMoney](#)
- [What Are Bitcoins and How Do They Work? - Lifewire](#)
- [What is Bitcoin? The Complete WIRED Guide | WIRED](#)
- [Iran allows central bank to defend rial by intervening in forex market](#)
- [How does Iran plan to get around US sanctions? Use other currencies](#)
- [Indonesia hikes rates again to defend its currency, but analysts see further weakness](#)

- ['Time is right' for coordinated response to Asian currency problems: Nomura](#)
- [The Countries With the Most Foreign Currency Reserves](#)
- [Are we about to face a new Asian financial crisis?](#)
- [Argentina's currency woes deepen crisis](#)
- [Argentina Needs Expanded IMF Help to Contain Currency Crisis](#)
- [Argentina imposes austerity measures in bid to stabilise peso](#)
- [The New Venezuelan Currency Is Just Three Weeks Old and Inflation's Already 100%](#)
- [Amid a currency crisis, Turkey's central bank vows to step in to contain rampant inflation](#)
- [Turkey bans use of foreign *currency* in property market](#)
- [Falling **Currencies** Lead to Fear of Contagion](#)
- [Emerging market currencies keep tumbling, but experts say fears of contagion may be overblown](#)
- [Timeline Of The Crash | The Crash | FRONTLINE | PBS](#)
- [Asian Financial Crisis | Federal Reserve History](#)
- [20 years of 'Black Wednesday': How George Soros toppled the Bank of England](#)

Sample Questions:

1. What is the currency of China?
 - A. Yen
 - B. Renminbi**
 - C. Won
 - D. Baht

2. What is the currency of South Africa? _____ **(Answer: RAND)**

CATEGORY 8: U.S.-North Korea Relations

The section will cover major themes related to the relationship between the United States and North Korea including issues related to foreign policy and diplomacy, denuclearization efforts, and sanctions. We will also touch on the summit with the United States (June 2018) and South Korea (September 2018).

Because this issue is 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 questions.

Helpful Links

- [Quiz: See how much you know about North Korea](#)
- [North Korea - US Department of State](#)
- [North Korea-US relations - BBC News](#)
- [North Korea profile - Timeline - BBC News](#)
- [Is All Of Asia Pleased With The Status Of U.S.-North Korea Relations](#)
- [The United States and North Korea - Brookings Institution](#)
- [U.S.-North Korea relations | The Diplomat](#)
- [Americans' Opinions of U.S.-North Korea Relations Less Negative \(Gallup Poll\)e](#)
- [Trump Kim summit: US and North Korean leaders hold historic talks ...](#)
- [Trump planning second North Korea summit after Kim's 'very warm letter'.](#)
- [North Korea cancels annual 'anti-US' rally as relations improve following Trump-Kim meeting](#)

- [North Korea: Trump expects second Kim summit soon](#)
- [When to end the war? North Korea, US at odds over path to peace](#)
- [US-North Korea relations: Parallel negotiations](#)
- [US-North Korea summit: A timeline of the tumultuous relations](#)
- [What North Korea Really Wants: A Normalized Relationship With the United States](#)
- [North Korea demands concession from US before it will disarm](#)
- ['No Way' North Korea Will Denuclearize Without U.S. Concessions](#)
- [Abe dangles 'financial aid' in return for North Korea concessions ...](#)
- [The 'Compliment Trump' Doctrine](#)
- [North and South Korea commit to 'era of no war'](#)
- [Moon Jae-In Can Put US-North Korea Negotiations Back on Track](#)
- [S. Korea's Moon Calls for 'Bold Decisions' by US and N. Korea](#)
- [North Korea gives two dogs to South Korea - CNN - CNN.com](#)
- [What's at stake in the North-South Korea summit?](#)
- [5 things to know about the U.S.-North Korea relationship - USA Today](#)
- [North Korean Nuclear Negotiations: A Brief History](#)
- [North Korea - HISTORY](#)
- [North Korea defector numbers 'drop' under Kim - BBC News](#)
- [The North Korea crisis: 10 questions, 10 answers |](#)

Sample Questions:

1. The _____ signed on July 27th, 1953, allowed North and South Korea to remain separate and occupy almost the same territory they had when the Korean war began. **(Answer: Armistice)**
2. Where did President Trump meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in June 2018 for an inaugural summit between both leaders?
 - A. Singapore**
 - B. South Korea
 - C. China
 - D. Russia