



Information for AWQ Coaches - FAQ

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. Here are some ways AWQ Coaches prep and coordinate teams:

We met once a week for four weeks. The week of the competition, we meet twice during lunch period. I find websites (and encourage them to do the same) and I encourage them to take practice quizzes online. I also direct them to certain media outlets (The Economist, CNN, BBC, etc.) I also break 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 schedule club day, basically 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 three times for prep.

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 it for the group.

2. How do I choose a team? Here is what some teams said:

I recruited from students I taught.

I informed the students of the competition and recruited. I also spoke with the social studies department and got players from the social studies classes.

I chose students from last year plus announcements in the morning. Kids tell others. Smart 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 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 who they thought would enjoy the competition and who would be dedicated to the prep needed. 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 8 or fewer showed up, that was our team. If more, a qualifying current events test and an essay.

This is entirely up to you. They may be students you have in class or students may refer other students they know to you.

3. What do the students think of the event?

This is one of our most rewarding programs because the students really do have a great time being with their friends and playing an educational game with a lot less pressure on them to perform perfectly. Some coaches commented:

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!"

Two girls on our team said 'I'm so glad I did it.'

4. Will I get help with preparing them?

Yes! A short study guide with an explanation of the topics (rounds) will be given to you by the end of August 2019. It will also include several websites suggested for study and sample questions to familiarize you with the format.

5. Is there another coach I can contact to ask about the event?

Yes. Many of our coaches are available for questions and advice. Just ask email [Charlotte Klopp](mailto:Charlotte.Klopp) for their contact info.

6. What do the students win?

Students received certificate from the WACC and gift cards from Barnes & Nobles. The winning team will represent the World Affairs Council of Charlotte in the national competition in Washington D.C.

8. When and where is it held?

Academic WorldQuest will be held on Thursday, November 21st at the Hilton Charlotte Center City (222 E. Third St., Charlotte, N.C. 28202)

9. What do the coaches do during the competition?

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

10. 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 704-687-7759 or check our website at www.charlotteworld.org and look in the "Educational Outreach" section.