



## 2023 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 **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.

### 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 consists of UP TO 8 players.

Consisting of eight (8) players, each team 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, Lincoln, and Union County can send two (2) teams of four (4) students each to represent their school in the Academic WorldQuest competition.

### How are WorldQuest and Academic WorldQuest Played?

- Each category will have 10 questions. The majority of questions will be multiple choice.
- Each question is typically allotted 20-30 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning teams for both WQ and AWQ.

### 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](http://www.worldaffairscharlotte.org)

### Academic WorldQuest 2022 Categories:

1. World Flags
2. Geography of New Zealand
3. History of Apartheid in South Africa
4. Politics in Latin America
5. AI, Social Media and Technology: Geopolitical Implications, Challenges and Successes
6. Current Events
7. Soccer: A Global Sport

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### CATEGORY 1: 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.

**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](#)

#### 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**

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### CATEGORY 2: Geography of New Zealand

Geography of New Zealand will cover 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 fill-in-the-blank and/or matching questions for variety.**

## Helpful Links

- [New Zealand - Britannica](#)
- [New Zealand - National Geographic Kids](#)
- [New Zealand - CIA Factbook](#)
- [New Zealand – New Zealand Tourism Guide](#)
- [New Zealand – Geography](#)

## Sample Questions

1. Which of the following bodies of water surrounds New Zealand?
  - A. Pacific Ocean
  - B. Atlantic Ocean
  - C. Indian Ocean
  - D. Mediterranean Sea

**ANSWER: A. Pacific Ocean**

2. Which city is the capital of New Zealand?
  - A. Auckland
  - B. Wellington
  - C. Christchurch
  - D. Dunedin

**ANSWER: B. Wellington**

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## **CATEGORY 3:** History of Apartheid in South Africa

Test your knowledge on the deeply impactful and challenging era of apartheid in South Africa. Explore the racial segregation, resistance movements, and the eventual dismantling of this discriminatory system in a thrilling trivia challenge.

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

## Helpful Links:

- Wikipedia - Apartheid in South Africa: [Link](#)
- History.com - Apartheid: [Link](#)
- BBC News - Apartheid Timeline: [Link](#)
- South African History From Above: [Link](#)
- The Struggle against Apartheid: Lessons for Today's World: [Link](#)
- End of Apartheid (U.S. State Department): [Link](#)
- The Economics of South Africa Post-Apartheid (Podcast): [Link](#)
- Anti-Apartheid Movement - History and Resources - [Link](#)
- National Geographic - Apartheid ended 29 years ago. How has South Africa changed? - [Link](#)

**Please note that when using online sources for research, it's essential to verify the credibility and accuracy of the information, especially for historical topics like apartheid in South Africa.**

### **Sample Questions:**

1. Who was the iconic South African leader and anti-apartheid activist who was released from prison in 1990, signaling the beginning of the end of apartheid?
  - A. Nelson Mandela
  - B. Desmond Tutu
  - C. F.W. de Klerk
  - D. Steve Biko

**ANSWER: A. Nelson Mandela**

2. What notorious apartheid-era policy required non-white South Africans to carry identification documents and restricted their movement within the country?
  - A. Segregation Act
  - B. Apartheid Pass Law
  - C. Racial Classification Act
  - D. Separate Amenities Act

**ANSWER: B. Apartheid Pass Law**

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### **CATEGORY 4: Politics in Latin America**

We will cover Latin America's political history, leaders, movements, and pivotal moments that have shaped this diverse region. From revolutionary figures like Che Guevara to contemporary issues like populist governments, this trivia category will test your knowledge of Latin American politics and provide insights into the social, economic, and geopolitical forces that continue to influence this part of the world.

This subject encompasses a wide range of ongoing global discussions. The most effective way to stay informed is by regularly reading news from reputable media sources and consulting foreign policy think tanks such as Brookings Institute, Council of Foreign Relations, and others.

All questions will be multiple choice. There will be 10 questions in this category.

- Wikipedia - Politics of Latin America: [Link](#)
- On the Horizon 2023 - Latin America: [Link](#)
- Council of the Americas - News and Analysis: [Link](#)
- BBC News - Latin America: [Link](#)
- Brookings Institution - Latin America Initiative: [Link](#)
- Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) - Latin America: [Link](#)
- Reuters - Latin American Politics News: [Link](#)
- Al Jazeera - Latin America: [Link](#)
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace - Latin America: [Link](#)
- The Guardian - Latin America Politics: [Link](#)
- Wilson Center - Latin American Program: [Link](#)
- South America: A Hard Road to Unity: [Link](#)

**Remember to evaluate the credibility and accuracy of information when using online sources for research, especially for topics as dynamic as the politics of Latin America.**

**Sample Questions:**

1. Who is the current President of Brazil as of 2022?
  - A. Jair Bolsonaro
  - B. Dilma Rousseff
  - C. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
  - D. Fernando Henrique Cardoso

**ANSWER: A. Jair Bolsonaro**

2. Which Latin American country was led by Fidel Castro as its Prime Minister and later as its President for several decades?
  - A. Argentina
  - B. Mexico
  - C. Cuba
  - D. Venezuela

**ANSWER: C. Cuba**

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## **CATEGORY 5. AI, Social Media and Technology: Geopolitical Implications, Challenges and Successes**

In this category, we will cover the dynamic intersection between advanced technology, artificial intelligence (AI), and global politics. Delve into the world of tech giants, social media platforms, and the evolving role of AI in shaping international relations. You should have a basic understanding of cybersecurity, data privacy, and the geopolitical consequences of digital innovation. From cyber warfare to the influence of social media on elections, this trivia category unveils the complex web of challenges and triumphs that define the digital era's impact on geopolitics.

**All questions will be multiple choice. There will be 10 questions in this category.**

**Helpful Links:**

1. What is AI? [Link](#)
2. Brookings Institution - Technology and International Affairs: [Link](#)
3. The geopolitics of AI and the rise of digital sovereignty: [Link](#)
4. The Geopolitics of Generative AI: [Link](#)
5. The AI Power Paradox: [Link](#)
6. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace - Technology and International Affairs: [Link](#)
7. MIT Technology Review - AI: [Link](#)
8. AI in the Crosshairs: how Geopolitics Shapes Technology: [Link](#)
9. Unpacking the Geopolitics of Technology: [Link](#)
10. How AI could Upend Geopolitics: [Link](#) (Listen)

11. The Good, the Bad and the Algorithmic: What impact could artificial intelligence have on political communications and democracy?: [Link](#)
12. AI Is Making Politics Easier, Cheaper and More Dangerous: [Link](#)
13. The Impact of Digital Technologies: [Link](#)
14. We Got Social Media Wrong. Can We Get AI Right?: [Link](#)
15. Artificial Intelligence for Accelerating Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: Addressing Society's Greatest Challenges: [Link](#)
16. Why Technology Will Define the Future of Geopolitics: [Link](#)
17. Social Media Seen as Mostly Good for Democracy Across Many Nations, But U.S. is a Major Outlier: [Link](#)

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### **Sample Questions:**

1. Which social media platform faced significant scrutiny for its role in influencing the 2016 United States presidential election through the spread of misinformation?
  - A. Twitter
  - B. Instagram
  - C. Facebook
  - D. LinkedIn

**ANSWER: C. Facebook**

2. Which country is known for its ambitious use of AI in surveillance and has faced international criticism for its human rights implications?
  - A. United States
  - B. China
  - C. India
  - D. Russia

**ANSWER: B. China**

**These sources cover a range of topics related to the geopolitical implications, challenges, and successes of AI, social media, and technology in international affairs. Please verify the credibility and relevance of the information when conducting your research.**

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### **CATEGORY 6: Current Events**

Dive into the Headlines! This category encompasses significant global events spanning from late 2021 to early October 2023, including world politics, elections, economic crises, natural disasters, major catastrophes, military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan, national security, and more. Stay informed about current affairs by staying tuned to reputable news sources for the latest updates and insights on these impactful issues.

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

## **Helpful Links**

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- Tennessee WAC: What in the World? Weekly Quiz: [LINK](#)
- Current Events – Wikipedia (\*scroll down – events by month at the bottom) [LINK](#)
- The Economist - The World This Week [LINK](#)
- NPR Weekly News Quiz: [LINK](#)
- New York Times - Quiz (Paywall): [LINK](#)
- Foreign Policy Association - Quiz (Paywall): [LINK](#)
- PEW Research - International Affairs: [LINK](#)
- BBC Quiz (has weekly questions that include entertainment related topics which wouldn't apply for this category of questions): [LINK](#)
- CNN World: [LINK](#)
- Brookings Institute - International: [LINK](#)

1. For the first time in its history, all 15 of Israel's Supreme Court justices convened to hear petitions against a law passed in July that significantly curtails the following, leading to widespread protests.
  - A. Human rights
  - B. Freedom of the press
  - C. Immigration policies
  - D. Judicial powers

**ANSWER: D. Judicial powers**

2. The European Union signed a “strategic partnership” deal with THIS country to boost its economy and mitigate the migration crisis affecting the bloc, as over 75,000 migrants have used the country as a stopping place before heading to Europe on dangerous maritime routes.
  - A. Tunisia
  - B. Egypt
  - C. Algeria
  - D. Malta

**ANSWER: A. Tunisia**

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## **CATEGORY 7: Soccer: A Global Sport**

Questions about fun/quirky/mainstream international popular culture (music, books, entertainment, festivals etc.), religion, food, ethnic groups, sports, and language are often part of this category.

**Most questions will be in multiple-choice format, but there could be a couple fill-in-the-blank and/or matching questions for variety.**

## **Helpful Links**

- Saudi Arabia is trying to disrupt soccer’s world order. The reasons why might surprise you: [Link](#)
- FIFA Delays Have Cities Worried About 2026 World Cup Plans: [Link](#)
- U.S. Department of State, U.S. Soccer Take Global Efforts to Grow the Game of Soccer, Sports Diplomacy to Next Level Through New Partnership: [Link](#)
- Female soccer players earn 25 cents to the dollar of men at World Cup, new CNN analysis finds: [Link](#)
- Women’s Soccer Is Exploding. The 2023 World Cup Proved Why: [Link](#)
- Players with ties to U.S. soccer feature on nearly every team in the World Cup Round of 16: [Link](#)
- Countries with the most FIFA World Cup titles as of 2022: [Link](#)
- The Women’s World Cup expanded to 32 teams this year. Has the quality suffered? [Link](#)
- Brand value of leading soccer clubs worldwide in 2023: [Link](#)
- Who has scored the most goals in international football? Lionel Messi chasing Cristiano Ronaldo's all-time record: [Link](#)
- Brazilian football legend Pele dies at age 82: [Link](#)
- Soccer basics: [Link](#)

**There is no real way to “study” for this topic! It will be a “light-hearted” category with fun questions about soccer (or football) thrown in to close out the 7<sup>th</sup> round.**

### **Sample Questions**

1. In which year did the FIFA World Cup tournament first take place?
  - A. 1926
  - B. 1930
  - C. 1942
  - D. 1950

**ANSWER: B. 1930**

2. Who is often referred to as the "Pele of Women's Soccer" and holds the record for the most international goals in women's soccer?
  - A. Abby Wambach
  - B. Marta Vieira da Silva
  - C. Mia Hamm
  - D. Birgit Prinz

**ANSWER: B. Marta Vieira da Silva**