

ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST 2009
STUDY GUIDE FOR THE DECEMBER 3 COMPETITION

1. Great Decisions 2009 *Great Decisions 2009* features thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today and that represent our foreign policy challenges of tomorrow. A *Great Decisions 2009* book will be delivered to each team upon receipt of their entry form. All questions for this category will come from this book. Featured topics include:

U.S. & Rising Global Powers	Afghanistan/Pakistan	Cuba after Castro
Energy & the Global Economy	Global Food Supply	U.S. & Egypt
Universal Human Rights	The Arctic	

2. Countries: This round will be on general knowledge questions about countries: type of government, location, leaders, history and significant geographical features. A copy of the *World Almanac Book of Facts 2009* will be delivered to each team upon receipt of their entry form. In addition to the almanac, a suggested study site is *The World Fact Book* on the CIA website at <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>. Go to the "Guide for Country Comparisons" and click on "Expand All" on the right side above the Geography field.

3. People in the News: This round will focus on world leaders and newsmakers (including sports, entertainment and other) involved in events in the time leading up to the competition. Suggested sources are the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* newspapers; *The Economist* magazine; and the BBC website <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

4. Current Events: This round will consist of questions on world news and world events happenings in August, September, October and November 2009. Suggested sources are the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* newspapers; *The Economist* magazine; and the BBC website <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

5. World History: This round will consist of questions on turning points that shaped the modern world and the historical roots of current world issues, especially as they pertain to international relations. Suggested study sources are the *California Grade 10 World History Standards* found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/histsocscistnd.pdf>; AP World History Study Guides (i.e., Princeton Review, Barron's, Kaplan); *The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2009*; and the on-line Foreign Service Officer Test review www.testprepreview.com/fsot_practice.htm (Click on the link to "World History & Geography - Caution: there is an underscore between "fsot" and "practice" which gets blotted out by the automatic underling of the web link).

Additional Topics to Study: The following topics are from the National Academic WorldQuest Competition (April 2010). They may be included with any of the above Topics # 2 through #5:

Pandemics: As the H1N1 virus spreads throughout the globe, these questions will address historic and modern infectious diseases which have impacted the world.

Genocide: Questions will address genocides in the 20th and 21st century.

International Migration Trends: focus on the international movement of people and populations

Food Production and Consumption: Questions will focus on where and how food is produced and traded throughout the world.

World Music: Music is a highly effective bridge between people and nations: this category will focus on musical styles and artists of the world.

World Cup: With the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa approaching, this round will address the history of the International soccer competition and important events surrounding it.