

**WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF JACKSONVILLE**

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**LOCAL STUDY GUIDE**

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# Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest



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## Who are we?

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote an understanding of the world and its people and to engage citizens of Northeast Florida in becoming better informed participants in the global community.

## What is Academic WorldQuest?

Academic WorldQuest is a Flagship Program of the World Affairs Council network. It is a team game testing competitors' knowledge of international affairs, geography, history and culture. Jacksonville began its own local Academic WorldQuest in 2005, with seven schools and 13 teams. The top scoring team will be representing Jacksonville in the national Academic WorldQuest.

## What are the event details?

The 18th annual Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest is taking place on February 9, 2023 at the UNF Adam W. Herbert University Center 12000 Alumni Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32224. Teams must consist of four students each, and must sign up in advanced through [this link](#).

## How do I play?

There are six rounds of six questions each. Each round is based off a topic. The Education Committee of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville selects 6 out of the 10 topics released by the World Affairs Council of America.

The following topics will appear during local competition:

**Atrocity Prevention and Accountability, Battle of the Century: Autocracy vs. Democracy, Economic Sanctions - A Double-Edged Sword, Great Decisions, The Arctic Council: Frozen Cooperation, The Future of Supply Chains.**

There will be a 5 minute break after Round 3. All of the questions are multiple choice, and students use clickers to input their teams answer.

## How can I sponsor a team?

Sponsorship for an Academic WorldQuest team is \$500.00. This helps offset the costs of the event and helps send off our winners to Washington D.C. for the national competition. If you are interested in sponsoring a team, please visit our [website](#).



## 1. ATROCITY PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Atrocity crimes — war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and the crime of aggression — threaten U.S. and global security. Current events in Ukraine, Myanmar, Afghanistan, and other countries underscore the continuing need for the United States to play a leading role in preventing atrocities and holding perpetrators accountable. This category will explore developments in U.S. and global policy around atrocities and incorporate current and historical case examples. This category is sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace, a national, nonpartisan, public institution created by Congress and dedicated to helping prevent, mitigate and resolve violent conflict abroad.

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## 2. BATTLE OF THE CENTURY: AUTOCRACY VS. DEMOCRACY

On a trip to Taiwan in August 2022, Speaker Nancy Pelosi stated: “Today, the world faces a choice between democracy and autocracy. America’s determination to preserve democracy here in Taiwan and in the world remains iron-clad.” With the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, we witnessed the alarming threat to democracy as authoritarian forces reached across borders to spread their regime. We have also witnessed recent events of democratic countries pushing their ideals into the realm of global politics, notably Speaker Pelosi’s recent trip to Taiwan. In this topic, we will investigate how autocracies and democracies are playing for power in the realm of global politics.

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### 3. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS - A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

Whether faced with aggressive military actions by one country against another, interference by one country in another country's elections, intolerable human rights violations, or the illegal testing of nuclear weapons, economic sanctions are among the first foreign policy options discussed as a response.

Sanctions can be a strategic and symbolic way to exert leverage, but sanctions can also bring along potential dangers after implementation. For this topic, we will analyze the decision to use sanctions and the effectiveness of these sanctions on their directed targets.

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#### 4. GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is an annual program that focuses on critical international issues provided by the Foreign Policy Association, a member of the World Affairs Councils of America. This year's Great Decisions topics are:

- **Changing Demographics**
- **Outer Space**
- **Climate Change**
- **Russia and the U.S.**
- **Myanmar and ASEAN**
- **Quad Alliance**
- **Drug Policy in Latin America**
- **Industrial Policy**
- **Biden's Agenda**

**NOTE:** In the 2022-2023 AWQ Competition, WACA has decided to modify the way we present Great Decisions as a topic. In previous years, we used all 8 topics in the AWQ Competition and recommended the same for local AWQ Competitions. Below is the outline for this year's Great Decisions Category.

#### LOCAL COMPETITION

To prepare for local AWQ competitions WACA recommends that students study the following topics from FPA High School Magazine Editions for Great Decisions. Questions for the local AWQ competition may be derived from the magazines, including the videos and links provided in both editions.:

- [Climate Change](#) (Issue 11: 05/22)
- [The New Space Race](#) (Issue 9: 02/22)



## 5. THE ARTIC COUNCIL: FROZEN COOPERATION

The Arctic Council is an intergovernmental organization that promotes research and facilitates cooperation among Arctic countries. Established in 1996 by the signing of the Ottawa Declaration, member states of the Council include Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States. The Chairmanship of the Arctic Council rotates every two years among the Arctic States. The current chair for the Arctic Council is the Russian Federation (2021-2023). In March 2022, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the United States declared that they will not attend meetings of the Arctic Council under Russian chairmanship in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. For this topic, we will investigate what happens to an intergovernmental organization when member states are at odds.

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## 6. THE FUTURE OF SUPPLY CHAINS

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It was created by the Treaty of Versailles in 1919 following the devastation of WWI. The beginning of the 20th century was a time of tremendous change due to the Industrial Revolution, social change, and competing economic models. The ILO was created with the idea that promoting social justice is essential to universal and lasting peace.

Supply chains around the world have experienced unprecedented disruption due to COVID-19, the rise of e-commerce, the digitalization of industry, and the ongoing U.S.- China trade war. In response, we have witnessed businesses working to keep pace with breakneck technological advancements, while also developing initiatives to create sustainable supply chains. For this topic, we will explore how companies are working alongside nations to ensure that rights are protected while also fighting to meet the growing demands as we enter the post-pandemic world.

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