

# World Affairs Councils of America

## *Academic WorldQuest 2010*

### Study Guide

#### Current Events

This round will consist of questions on world news and world events happening in early 2010.

- In general, we recommend reading a reputable national news source. Many of these (New York Times, Washington Post, BBC, CNN) can be obtained free through their websites.

#### Great Decisions 2009

This Year's Great Decisions topics are:

- U.S. and Rising Powers
- Afghanistan/Pakistan
- Energy & the Global Economy
- The Arctic
- Egypt in the 21st Century
- Global Food Supply
- Cuba after Castro
- Universal Human Rights

#### Pandemics

As the H1N1 virus spreads throughout the globe, this round of questions will address HIV/AIDS, pandemic influenza, and malaria.

- Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)  
<http://www.unaids.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/HIVData/GlobalReport>
  - Read Chapter Two of the 2008 Global Report
- World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/topics/influenza/en/>
  - Under General Information, study, "Fact Sheet on Influenza", "Fact Sheet on Avian Influenza" and "Ten Things You Need to Know about Pandemic Influenza"
- Center for Disease Control - Malaria <http://www.cdc.gov/malaria/basics.htm>
  - Study everything under "About Malaria", "Prevention" under "Control and Prevention", "Geographic Distribution", "History", and "Impact".

#### Genocide

This round of questions will address genocides in the 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
[http://www.ushmm.org/genocide/take\\_action/genocide](http://www.ushmm.org/genocide/take_action/genocide)
  - Review the history of genocide on the international stage under the *What is Genocide?* tab as well as each modern case study under the *Who is at Risk?* tab.
- Peace Pledge Union [http://www.ppu.org.uk/genocide/g\\_genocide\\_intro.html](http://www.ppu.org.uk/genocide/g_genocide_intro.html)
  - Study the history of each genocide listed
- Genocide Watch <http://www.genocidewatch.org/aboutgenocide.html>
  - Review the Genocide Convention under "About Genocide"

If you have any questions, please contact your local World Affairs Council.

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## International Migration Trends

The focus of this round will be current trends in the international movement of people and populations.

- The United Nations Populations Division “International Migration Report 2006: A Global Assessment”  
[http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2006\\_MigrationRep/report.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2006_MigrationRep/report.htm)
  - Read Executive Summary and Part One of this report
- Migration Policy Institute Data Hub <http://www.migrationinformation.org/DataHub/>
  - World Migration Map -Students should study the information for each country available on map.
  - Global City Migration Map -Study the information on the 18 cities with 1,000,000 or more
  - The Global Remittances Guide- be familiar with all material here

## Food Production and Consumption

This category will consist of questions involving where and how food is produced and traded throughout the world.

- USDA Report What the 2008/2009 World Economic Crisis Means for Global Agricultural Trade <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/WRS0905/WRS0905.pdf>
- Food and Agricultural Organization <http://www.fao.org>
  - “World Agriculture 2030: Main findings” -  
<http://www.fao.org/english/newsroom/news/2002/7833-en.html>
  - “The State of Food Insecurity in the World” Pages 8-13  
<ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/009/a0750e/a0750e00.pdf>
  - “Half a Century of Food and Agriculture” - be aware of the general trends mentioned in the report  
<http://www.fao.org/docrep/x4400e/x4400e09.htm#TopOfPage>

## World Music

Music is a highly effective bridge between people and nations; this category will focus on musical styles and artists from around the world.

- National Geographic Music - <http://worldmusic.nationalgeographic.com>
  - “Music A-Z” tab → “Regions”- Study the material and listen to the sound clips under each world region (not country) listed.
  - “Music A-Z” tab → “Genres” -Have a general knowledge of the genres listed
- World Music Network- <http://www.worldmusic.net/wmn/news/features>
  - Look through and sample each genre listed.

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## World Cup

With the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa approaching, this round will address the history and format of the international soccer competition.

- Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) –“Classic Football”  
<http://www.fifa.com/classicfootball/history/index.html>
  - Read everything under the “History” tab
- FIFA South Africa 2010 <http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/index.html>
  - Study everything under the “Previous FIFA World Cups” tab
  - Under the “Tournament” tab, study “Qualifiers” to have a general idea of the competition format
  - Have a general knowledge of the teams distribution throughout the world, shown on the maps under “Teams”
- BBC Sports World Cup History-  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport3/worldcup2002/hi/history/default.stm>
  - Study everything under “The Full Story”, “Hansen’s Legends” and “Classic Matches”

## Country Categories TBD

This study guide will be updated to include the country categories as soon as they are confirmed.