

## United States Academic Decathlon® Curricular Topics for 2015–2016!

The U.S. Academic Decathlon® is excited to announce that the overall curricular theme for 2015–2016 will be **India**. Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas.

- **SCIENCE:** The science topic will be an introduction to ecology and will include case studies and examples relevant to India.
- **LITERATURE:** The literature curriculum will include critical reading, one long work of literature, and selected shorter works. The long work of literature will be the novel *Nectar in a Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya.
- **ART:** The art curriculum will include a section on art fundamentals and will largely focus on the art and architecture of India.
- **MUSIC:** The music curriculum will include basic elements of music theory and will focus on the music of India.
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** The social science curriculum will cover the history of modern India.
- **ECONOMICS:** The economics curriculum will cover fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics, and macroeconomics and will also include a thematic section on the Indian economy.
- **MATHEMATICS:** The mathematics curriculum will cover permutations and combinations, algebra, and statistics.\*

The full subject area outlines will be posted on the U.S. Academic Decathlon® website <[www.usad.org](http://www.usad.org)> on May 1 and will also be published in the U.S. Academic Decathlon® *Study Guide*, which will begin shipping on May 15.

\* *The 2015–16 mathematics curriculum and materials will be the same as were used for the 2012–13 U.S. Academic Decathlon®.*