

United States Academic Decathlon® Curricular Topics for 2016–2017!

The U.S. Academic Decathlon® is excited to announce that the overall curricular theme for 2016–2017 will be **World War II**. Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas.

- **SCIENCE:** The science topic will be an introduction to atomic and nuclear physics and will include a section on the Manhattan Project and the development of the atomic bomb.
- **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 *Transit* by Anna Seghers.
- **ART:** The art curriculum will include a section on art fundamentals and will largely focus on the art of the World War II era.
- **MUSIC:** The music curriculum will include basic elements of music theory and will focus on the music of the World War II era.
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** The social science curriculum will cover World War II.
- **ECONOMICS:** The economics curriculum will cover fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics, and macroeconomics and will also include a thematic section on the economic origins and impact of World War II.
- **MATHEMATICS:** The mathematics curriculum will cover algebra and trigonometry.*

The full subject area outlines will be posted on the U.S. Academic Decathlon® website <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 2016–17 mathematics curriculum and materials will be the same as were used for the 2013–14 U.S. Academic Decathlon®.*