



2008 General Study Guide

| Round | Details | References |
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| International Law | In the regional competitions, questions will be based on the pamphlet "International Law: 100 Ways it Shapes Our Lives" produced by the American Society for International Law. The national competition will draw from "ASIL Insights". | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "International Law: 100 Ways it Shapes Our Lives" • "ASIL Insights". |
| East Asia | The focus of this round will be China, Japan, North and South Korea's politics, geography, history, and leaders. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs http://usinfo.state.gov/eap/ • World Bank's East Asia & Pacific page http://go.worldbank.org/NFU8DZVEX0 • East Asian geography online quiz http://www.harpercollege.edu/mhealy/mapquiz/easia/eamenu.htm SCIS: The World in Transition Series Updates: <i>East Asia in Transition</i> http://www.southerncenter.org/material_updates.html |
| Organization of American States | This category will focus on the functioning of the OAS including leaders, member countries, treaties, and history. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of American States - Website http://www.oas.org/main/english/ • US Department of State http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/oas/ • BBC Country Profiles http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/country_profiles/4441597.stm |
| Elections | As the US prepares to elect a new president, this category will ask questions on how the rest of the world elects their leaders and transitions power between heads of state and government. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament of Australia http://www.aph.gov.au/library/intguide/POL/elections2006.htm • Information on elections around the world http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/resource/internat/elections.html • Recent election-related issues in a number of countries, such as Turkey, Russia, and Japan http://www.cfr.org/issue/84/elections.html SCIS: The World in Transition Series Updates: Lesson 2: <i>Politics and Government</i> (all regions) http://www.southerncenter.org/material_updates.html |



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| UN Peacekeeping Operations | Throughout its history, the UN has organized numerous peacekeeping missions around the world, this category will ask about the operations, history, and legal precedence for UN Peacekeeping missions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peacekeeping portion of the UN website http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/ • List of all operations 1948-2007 http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/list/list.pdf |
| Foreign Policy Association: Great Decisions 2007 | Questions for this round will be drawn from these Great Decisions 2007 articles as well as updates posted on greatdecisions.org . | Topics for 2007 are: <i>Middle East, Climate, Mexico, Migration, South Africa, War Crimes, Central Asia, Children</i> Each registered school will receive a complimentary copy of Great Decisions 2007 courtesy the Georgia Council for Int'l Visitors. |
| Countries | This round will be on general knowledge questions about countries: type of government, location, leaders, history, and current events. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CIA's Country Factbook http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html • The New York Times 2007 Almanac • SCIS: The World in Transition Series Updates http://www.southerncenter.org/material_updates.html |
| Current events | This round will consist of questions on world news and world events happening in early 2008. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York Times http://www.nytimes.com/ |
| People in the News | This round will focus on world leaders and newsmakers involved in events around the time of the competition. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York Times http://www.nytimes.com/ |
| Econ 101 | This category focused on a basic understanding of how the economy as a whole works, in order to provide students with a framework for viewing and interpreting the economic world around them. Competitors should focus on the economic concepts, not economic formulas to be successful in this category. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/utw_chap1_e.pdf This pamphlet discusses the WTO, but focus on Chapter 1, the Basics. • http://www.fairtradeconcepts.com/fairtrade.html This site talks about the concept of Fair Trade. • http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/82979.pdf A Congressional Research Service report that is a "Trade Primer". • http://www.economicswisconsin.org/guide/glossary.htm A glossary of Economic Terms from the University of Wisconsin. |