

United States Academic Decathlon® Curricular Topics for 2020–2021!

The U.S. Academic Decathlon® is excited to announce that the overall curricular theme for 2020–2021 will be **The Cold War**. Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas.

- **SCIENCE:** The science topic will be an introduction to astronomy and will include sections on the Space Race between the United States and the Soviet Union.
- **LITERATURE:** The literature curriculum will include critical reading, one long work of literature, and selected shorter works. The long work of literature will be *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut Jr.
- **ART:** The art curriculum will include a section on art fundamentals and will largely focus on an exploration of art during the Cold War.
- **MUSIC:** The music curriculum will introduce students to various musical works from the Cold War era.
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** The social science curriculum will introduce students to the history of the Cold War.
- **ECONOMICS:** The economics curriculum will cover fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics, and macroeconomics and will also include a thematic section on the economics of the Cold War.
- **MATHEMATICS:** The mathematics curriculum will cover general mathematics, geometry, and an introduction to differential calculus.*

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 2020–21 mathematics curriculum and materials will be the same as were used for the 2017–18 U.S. Academic Decathlon.*