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The U.S. Academic Decathlon® is excited to announce that the overall curricular theme for 2021–2022 will be **Water: A Most Essential Resource**. Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas.

- **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 Sea-Wolf* by Jack London.
- **ART:** The art curriculum will explore the impact of water on art, including subtopics such as ink wash painting, watercolor, water as a subject of art, and the use of water in architecture, sculpture, and environmental art.
- **MUSIC:** The music curriculum will explore the many ways water has influenced music, from musical instruments that rely on water to compositions inspired by water.
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** The social science topic will be the impact of water on human history.
- **ECONOMICS:** The economics curriculum will cover fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics, and macroeconomics and will include a thematic section on the economics of water.
- **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 2021–22 mathematics curriculum and materials will be the same as were used for the 2018–19 U.S. Academic Decathlon.