



**The United States Academic Pentathlon (USAP)** is a dynamic five-event competition designed for middle school students. It mirrors the Academic Decathlon in providing a comprehensive learning experience through five academic events based on a unique theme each year.

The curricular theme for the 2025–2026 Academic Pentathlon will be **The Roaring Twenties**.

Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas:

- **Science:** The science topic will be an introduction to electricity and magnetism.
- **Literature:** The literature curriculum will include critical reading, one long work of literature, and selected shorter works. The 2025–2026 novel is [Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America](#) by Steve Sheinkin (ISBN-13 978-1626721302).
- **Fine Arts:** The fine arts curriculum is a combination of art and music. The guide will offer an introduction to art and music from the Jazz Age.
- **Social Science:** The social science topic will be the Roaring Twenties.
- **Mathematics:** The mathematics curriculum will provide an overview of algebra and trigonometry.