

Academic Decathlon

2017 Summer Assignment

Welcome to Academic Decathlon! For our team to start the school year strong, you will need to study a few subjects over the summer. We have done well in the past; our goal is to make it to the state competition!

Be prepared to show evidence of having learned the material. You will be tested on it starting the second week of the school year. A large part of this course is studying the Resource Guides published by the United States Academic Decathlon. Remember, there is A LOT of information; ideally you want to know it all, but do your best to learn as much of it as possible! Find a way to study that works for you – notes, highlight, flashcards, etc. Remember, what counts most is your effort and motivation!

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1. Join the Edmodo group (code: bhaqrh) (if the code does not work, email me)
 - I will post Resource Guides as soon as I get them.
 - Check every so often over the summer in case there are any announcements.
2. Read and study the entire Mathematics Resource Guide. We will NOT be covering this topic during the semester; so you must study and learn all of it on your own, in its entirety. (minimum estimate: 10 hours)
 - Highlight and annotate, or take notes, or make flashcards. Learn it.
3. Read and study entire Economics Resource Guide. We will NOT be covering this topic during the semester. Study and fully learn the entirety of this packet on your own over the summer. (minimum estimate: 10 hours)
 - Highlight and annotate, or take notes, or make flashcards. Learn it.
4. Read and study the entire Social Science Resource Guide. We will begin the semester with this topic, you should have a broad idea of what we will be covering in class (minimum estimate: 5 hours)
 - Highlight and annotate, or take notes, or make flashcards. Learn it
5. This is a team competition. Working with, and teaching, others are great ways to learn. Spend at least 5 additional hours studying with someone else on the team. For evidence, document what you did each hour.
6. OPTIONAL: Obtain and read the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. Find the book for cheap, or share with someone, or check it out from a library. The preferred version is published by Alfred A. Knopf/ Random House.

If you have any questions, ask on Edmodo or email me at fparmar@connellyhs.org

Tips

- For Mathematics and Economics, plan on reading through the packet at least THREE times! During one of those times, take detailed notes and thoughtfully try to understand what is being taught.
- For Social Science, get a good overview of the material. Understanding history is the key to understanding many other subjects. It will be the first topic we focus on in the new school year.
- Study a little bit each day to help you remember better. It's a lot of material and I don't want you to become overwhelmed. Don't procrastinate!
- For reference, summer work should take at least 30 hours to complete. That's only a guideline based on what some of the top schools in the County are doing. I remind you that the amount of time you spend studying directly correlates with how well you will do.