

# Academic Decathlon

## 2019 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! Remember, what counts most is your effort and motivation!

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1. Join the Edmodo group (code: **khy4wr**) (if the code does not work, email me)
  - Resource Guides are (or will be) posted here: <https://tinyurl.com/CCSAD1920>
  - 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. Math can be difficult; do your best on it. (minimum estimate: 10 hours)
  - Highlight and annotate, or take notes, or make flashcards. Learn it.
3. Read and study the entire Social Science 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. Social Science will help you understand many of the other subjects; learn it very well. (minimum estimate: 10 hours)
  - Highlight and annotate, or take notes, or make flashcards. Learn it
4. Obtain and read the novel *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. Please get the 1818 version published by Penguin Classics (ISBN 9780143131847), NOT the more common 1831 version! Find the book for cheap, or share with someone, or check it out from a library.

If you have any questions, ask on Edmodo or email me at [fparmar@connellyhs.org](mailto:fparmar@connellyhs.org)

### **Tips**

- Read through each entire packet at least THREE times!
  - Take detailed notes and thoughtfully try to understand the material during at least one read-through.
- Don't procrastinate! Study small sections every day so that you are not overwhelmed.
  - Be sure to find a way of studying that works for you, whether it is highlighting and annotating, taking notes, or making flashcards, or something else.
  - Try to study with and quiz your teammates; often the best way to learn is by teaching to others.
- Social Science is the key to understanding many other subjects. Have a good background knowledge of it.
- For reference, summer work should take at least 20 hours to complete. The amount of time you spend studying directly correlates with how well you will do in the competition. Some of the top schools in the County are spending twice this amount of time studying in the summer!