

United States Academic Decathlon® Curricular Topics for 2018–2019!

The U.S. Academic Decathlon® is excited to announce that the overall curricular theme for 2018–2019 will be **The 1960s: A Transformational Decade**. Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas.

- **SCIENCE:** The science topic will be an introduction to laser technology and its applications.
- **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 play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by Tom Stoppard.
- **ART:** The art curriculum will include a section on art fundamentals and will largely focus on an introduction to the art of the 1960s.
- **MUSIC:** The music curriculum will provide an introduction to the music of the 1960s.
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** The social science curriculum will cover U.S. history in the 1960s.
- **ECONOMICS:** The economics curriculum will cover fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics, and macroeconomics and will also include a thematic section on the U.S. economy in the 1960s.
- **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> on May 1 and will also be published in the U.S. Academic Decathlon® *Study Guide*, which will begin shipping on May 15.

* *The 2018–19 mathematics curriculum and materials will be the same as were used for the 2015–16 U.S. Academic Decathlon®.*