

Academic Decathlon 2015 Summer Assignment

Welcome to Academic Decathlon! In preparation for this course, you are going to be doing a few things before the new school year starts; they are listed below. Be prepared to show evidence of having learned the material – you will be tested on it starting the second week of the school year. Remember, what counts most is your effort and motivation!

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; you are not expected 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.

I will post codes for the electronic Resource Guides on Edmodo as soon as I get them. In the meantime, I have some old resources that you will use over summer (because some information repeats, and some never changes year-to-year)

Please do your best to start the year out strong – we have a very real chance of doing extremely well in the competition!

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1. Join the Edmodo group (code: br52gm)
 - Check every so often over the summer in case there are any announcements.
2. Obtain and read the novel *Nectar in a Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya.
 - Find the book on Amazon for cheap (or share with someone). BUY THE “SIGNET CLASSICS” EDITION! There is another version on Amazon that is just a badly done photocopy (or so say the reviews).
3. Read and study the entire Mathematics Resource Guide. It can be found on Edmodo. It is not from the current year, but the information in it is identical to the requirements for this year’s competition. For the majority of you, this should all be review of classes you have already taken.
 - Highlight it, or take notes, or make flashcards, or do something to learn it. Memorize it.
4. Read and study sections I-III of the Economics Resource Guide. It can be found on Edmodo. It is not from the current year, but the information in it is identical to the requirements for this year’s competition. For the majority of you, this should all be brand new information you have never seen before; try and do your best.
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5. Write an outline for a speech and send it to me via Edmodo. Once approved, write the actual speech.
 - Guidelines on topics and how to write a speech can be found on Edmodo.
6. Listen to the Music CD. The link is posted on Edmodo.
 - Do not study it yet – just get familiar with the tracks.

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