

UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON®

2011-2012 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

The curricular theme for 2011-2012 is *The Age of Empire*.

The full subject area outlines are posted at www.usad.org and published in the Academic Decathlon® Study Guide.

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

- **ART:** The art curriculum covers art fundamentals and will focus on art and imperial power.
- **ECONOMICS:** The economics curriculum covers fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics, and macroeconomics. The economics curriculum also includes a thematic section focused on the economics of imperialism.
- **LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE:** The language and literature curriculum includes critical reading, one novella, three poems, and two short stories. The featured novella will be *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad.
- **MATHEMATICS:** The mathematics curriculum covers topics in general mathematics and geometry and includes a brief introduction to differential calculus.
- **MUSIC:** The music curriculum covers basic elements of music theory and will focus on music of the Romantic era.
- **SCIENCE:** The science curriculum will present an introduction to physical science and includes discussions of significant scientific advances made during the nineteenth century.
- **SUPER QUIZ:** The Super Quiz™ topic is *The Age of Imperialism: The Making of a European Global Order*.

The *Super Quiz Resource Guide* includes readings on such topics as mercantile empires, the Atlantic economy, motives for imperialism, the role of technology in the age of imperialism, New Imperialism, tactics of colonial rule, and decolonization and postcolonial immigration.