

WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to 2011-2012 Wisconsin Academic Decathlon Season!

Unlike other programs that cater strictly to honors or gifted students, the Academic Decathlon believes that all students who apply themselves are capable of excelling. Students are motivated to go beyond their comfort zone and excel academically both as individuals and as team members.

This year's theme is "**The Age of Empire.**" The Super Quiz topic is *The Age of Imperialism: The Making of a European Global Order*. **Note: In Wisconsin, Super Quiz is held at the State Level of Competition only.**

The resources needed to compete are contained in the Curriculum Package listed below. Schools have the option of purchasing hard copies of the materials or downloading the material electronically.

It is also suggested to purchase the Notebook Dividers to assist you and your students in their study and research. The dividers **are not** a part of the Curriculum Package, but can be ordered à la carte. USAD® will begin shipping orders on May 15.

The Curriculum Package contains the following in sets of 10:

- ◆ Study Guide
- ◆ Super Quiz Resource Guide (*Super Quiz Material for State competitors only*)
- ◆ Art Reproductions Booklet
- ◆ Art Resource Guide
- ◆ Economics Resource Guide
- ◆ Language & Literature Resource Guide
- ◆ Mathematics Resource Guide
- ◆ Music Resource Guide
- ◆ Science Resource Guide
- ◆ Music CD
- ◆ (1) Practice Test Booklet w/CD

Theme: The Age of Empire



This season's selected literature is **Heart of Darkness** by Joseph Conrad; USAD® is offering a special discount on the edition published by Cricket House Books.

You may choose to order your curriculum package and novel via the Internet at www.usad.org using their on-line order form. For customer service, call **712.366.3700** between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Central Time, or e-mail: info@usad.org.

Please note that faxed purchase orders are NOT accepted; only credit card orders may be faxed to 712.366.3701.

The USAD® **Virtual Classroom** is an online moderated forum available only to student subscribers that is designed to provide both content and study strategies to assist students in their preparation for Academic Decathlon. The Virtual Classroom will help guide your team to success in all ten events.

Coaches' Corner is available on the WIAD website to all registered coaches during the season. **This is a secured site intended for coach's use only.** After each competition, coaches will be able to access scoring reports the minute they are posted using a required User Name and Password. Check the WIAD website at www.WIAD.org periodically for news and updates.

If you have any questions regarding the program or the materials, please contact the Wisconsin State Director at mritchie@wiad.org. Contact information is available on page 2 of the Competition Handbook.