CURRENT ISSUES AND EVENTS

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2021
It is more important than ever for our students to learn to listen to various viewpoints, synthesize information, and form their own opinions. It’s also important that they begin to see themselves as actors of change from a young age. Implementing current events in the classroom is a strategy that will keep students aware of real-world problems and situations.
26% of respondents believe Brett Kavanaugh is the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and 14% of respondents selected Antonin Scalia, who died in 2016.

18% of respondents identified Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), a freshman member of the current Congress, as the author of The New Deal, a suite of public programs enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930s.
12% of respondents understand the relationship between the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment, and correctly answered that the 13th Amendment freed all the slaves in the United States.
53% of Americans think it is accurate to say that immigrants who are here illegally do not have any rights under the U.S. Constitution.

37% can’t name any of the rights guaranteed under the First Amendment.

74% can’t name all three branches of government.
Americans prefer Miley to Syria stories by huge number

Maria Puente, USA TODAY  Published: 5:35 p.m. ET Sept. 9, 2013 | Updated: 5:46 p.m. ET Sept. 9, 2013

Americans would rather read about the latest transgressions by Miley Cyrus than the latest horrors in Syria. Are we surprised?

You probably already sensed that media coverage of Miley Cyrus' shenanigans would be more popular with Americans than stories about mass murder in Syria and the possible U.S. intervention there.

But someone has actually calculated exactly how much more popular Miley is than Syria: 12 times more popular. It's another one of those signs that suggests...well, something about the state of our culture.

A new survey by Outbrain, a leading "content discovery platform" on the Web, tracked traffic data from its network of 100,000 publishers and major news organizations and found that Americans viewed 12 times as many pages about Miley-the-twerker as they did about Syria-the-dammed. New York magazine's popular fashion blog, The Cut, summed it up.

This disparity is in spite of the fact that hundreds of Syrians, including more than 400 kids, were brutally killed to death apparently by their own government, and despite the fact that more than twice as many news stories about Syria have been published for every one about Miley in recent days.

STORY FROM MOONUIT
Customer Spotlight: Riverland Community College

Share your feedback to help improve our site experience!
More than ever, an appreciation for news and our civic institutions is a key step toward self-empowerment and advancement.
As educators, it’s our job to make sure that students are armed with the tools necessary to distinguish between fact, fiction, and plain old opinion; between research or evidence-based statements and empty rhetoric; between exaggeration and reputable journalism – not just “factoids” from Facebook, Twitter, or other information feeds.
"We know that if you study civics in high school you are more likely to be an informed voter," researcher says.
The 18th named storm of the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, Sam, made landfall where?

a. Florida
b. Louisiana
c. New York
d. No where
U.S. President Joe Biden made Juneteenth a federal holiday. It is an observation of the day in 1865 when enslaved people in what city learned that they had been freed two years earlier?

a. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
b. Sharpsburg, Maryland
c. Palmito Ranch, Texas
d. Galveston, Texas
Jovenel Moïse was assassinated on July 7, 2020 at 1 a.m. EDT at his residence. His assassination and a major earthquake have left his country in turmoil. What country?

a. Equador
b. Romania
c. Haiti
d. Philippines
ABOUT THE CONTEST

• 40 objective questions
• Essay (10 points)
• 60 minutes
• Top score individual (objective plus essay)
• Top score team (objective only; top three individuals constitute team score)
WHO MAY ENTER?

• School may enter four students at district.
• Three individuals advance from district to regional to state.
• Four members of winning team advance.
ELEMENTS OF NEWS

- **Timeliness** — when?
- **Conflict** — political, ideological, cultural
- **Consequence** — what? why is it important?
- **Prominence** — who?
- **Proximity** — where? how?
- **Oddity** — unusual events that make the news
- **Human Interest** — newsmakers in a more human role
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CHART QUESTION

Using data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, what does the chart above represent?

a. the number of people in the United States who have died of COVID-19 per day
b. the number of people in the world who have died of COVID-19 per day
c. the number of people in the U.S. hospitalized with COVID-19 per day
d. the number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the U.S. per day
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a. expanding broadband access  
b. punishing local governments that “defund the police”  
c. ensuring election integrity  
d. COVID-19 relief — $1,400 checks to Texas taxpayers
Which The *Little Rascals* actor was arrested in Weatherford, Texas, in June 2020 after allegedly huffing an air duster. He was released on a $1,500 bond the following day?

a. Whoopi Goldberg  
b. Billie ‘Buckwheat’ Thomas  
c. George ‘Spanky’ McFarland  
d. Bug ‘Alfalfa’ Hall
NO CELEBRITY QUESTIONS

Who cares?

But, for the record, it was Bug Hall, not Spanky, Darla, Buckwheat or Porky.

Alfalfa
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- Fastest film to gross $1 billion – 12 days.
- Biggest worldwide opening weekend and single weekend gross – $529 million.
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However, the movie, which opened Dec. 18, 2015, was not without controversy. Discuss some of the issues surrounding the production and release of the box office sensation.
Who was U.S. President Donald Trump’s personal secretary before she was fired after making comments about Ivanka Trump?

a. John Kelly
b. Madeleine Weterhout
c. Mick Mulvaney
d. Sarah Sanders
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a. 196  
b. 235  
c. 278  
d. 239

The Labor Department released its monthly hiring and unemployment figures in December, providing one of the better snapshots of the American economy. What was the unemployment rate at the end of the year?

a. 10.1%  
b. 7.8%  
c. 4.7%  
d. 3.7%
The U.S. government's public debt is the highest it has ever been. Given that the U.S. population is about 330 million, how much debt is there for each person?

a. about $67,000
b. about $6,700
c. about $67 million
d. about $6.70
TRIVIA VS. NEWS
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Justify won $800,000 in the Belmont Stakes, after winning $1.24 million in the Kentucky Derby and $900,000 in the Preakness. Justify was only the 13th horse in history to capture what elite title?

a. Super Bowl
b. Triple Crown
c. Cricket World Cup
d. Formula One Racing
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The oil spill appeared to be the largest since the Deepwater Horizon explosion in 2010. About 672,000 gallons leaked in two days when a pipeline fractured. Where?

a. off the coast of Kuwait in the Persian Gulf
b. near Amherst, South Dakota
c. in the Gulf of Mexico, southeast of Venice, Louisiana
d. off the coast of Trinidad and Tobago in the Atlantic Ocean
SOME PROBLEM QUESTIONS
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ANSWER KEY SAID D WAS CORRECT.
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http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/18/politics/bernie-sanders-campaign-dnc-suspension/

D is wrong. A is correct. The information wasn't on other candidates anyway. It was on voters.

We sent out a correction the day of Region. "On the CURRENT ISSUES answer key for the Region test, it has been brought to our attention and confirmed that the answer key for #14 is incorrect. #14--A is the correct answer, not D."
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Roy Cooper is the 75th governor of North Carolina since 2017. A member of the Democratic Party, he served as the 49th attorney general of North Carolina from 2001 to 2016.
CONTESTANT NUMBER __________________

CURRENT ISSUES & EVENTS
CONTESTANT ANSWER SHEET

DO NOT write your name or school on this paper. Clearly write the LETTER corresponding to the best response to each question in the space below. Each objective question is worth 1 point. Write your response to the essay on the paper provided. The essay is worth as much as 10 points. You have 60 minutes.

LETTER corresponding to the best response to each question in the

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20. ________  40. ________
“As required by the Constitution, who presided over the second impeachment trial of former U.S. President Donald Trump?”

a. the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, John Roberts
b. the vice president, Kamala Harris
c. a senator, Patrick Leahy, D-Vermont, the president pro tempore of the Senate
d. the speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, D-California

We have a question regarding #37 on the Current Events test.

Choice C is the correct answer on the key.

However, according to the Constitution, the chief justice is supposed to preside over it, which is choice A.

Do we accept both A and C?
"Facing multiple crises including twin hurricanes, earthquakes, the island’s debt crisis, corruption scandals and the pandemic, Pedro Pierluisi was sworn in as governor of what country Jan. 2?"

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#30- The question asks about the governor of what country, and all of the answer choices are not countries, but territories.

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Puerto Rico Swears In As Governor Inherits Multiple Crises

January 2, 2023 - 2:14 PM EST

Pedro Pierluisi has been sworn in as Puerto Rico’s 11th elected governor, promising to turn the page on years of social and political turmoil and to restore trust in a government whose credibility has been damaged by its response to a string of recent crises.

Speaking from the steps of the island's Capitol, the new governor greeted a crowd of a few hundred invited guests who wore face masks spaced out as a precaution against the coronavirus.

Pierluisi, 61, was previously the island's attorney general and a delegate to the U.S. Congress. His swearing-in on Saturday, prior to attempts to claim the governorship, first in 2016, was a victory for his Democratic Party, which swept to power in November's mid-term elections amidst a wave of public anger over corruption and mismanagement.

He faces a tough uphill battle. The island’s dependence on tourism, which once made it a beacon of Caribbean beauty and a hub for offshore tax havens, has been decimated by the coronavirus pandemic. Puerto Rico is reeling from the aftermath of two deadly hurricanes in 2017 and a worsening economic situation. Unemployment has soared to 17% and the island is saddled with a $70 billion debt load, which must now be renegotiated with its creditors.

The island also has a heavy burden of public debt, making it difficult to fund essential services like health care and education. The new governor faces a host of challenges, including a need to reform the state’s finances and to renegotiate its debt with creditors. He also needs to deal with a Citizens Oversight Board that was appointed amid the island’s financial crisis and that has the power to impose reforms.

Pierluisi's inauguration comes amid a national debate over the future of U.S. territories, and how they are governed. Puerto Rico, which has had its own constitution since 1952, enjoys a special status within the United States, and is a semi-autonomous commonwealth.

In addition to his long career in public service, Pierluisi is a well-known öffentliches figure in the island's political scene, having previously served as mayor of San Juan, the island's capital, and as a member of Congress.

His inauguration was held amid a backdrop of a deepening political crisis in the U.S. mainland, where a wave of Democratic victories in November's mid-term elections has raised hopes of a new era of political progress. But in Puerto Rico, the new governor faces a daunting task of rebuilding a government that has lost the trust of its people.
What disturbed me most in CI&E is that there was a lot of parody among the competitor's scores before the essay was judged. This overweights the importance of the essay at state. I would suggest that the way to make the test less subjective at region and state is to make it harder. The way to fix the problem is to add more questions at regional and even more at state. Say, an increase of five or even better 10 at each level should do it.

JONATHAN ROBERTSON
SUDAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
No. I play it by ear depending on news flow. In an election year, you can expect a lot of national news. And, you might expect to see questions regarding Texas implications to a national story or event.
## ANY RATIOS?

### Business • International • National • Science • Texas

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IMPORTANT TOPICS

2020 Census
Affirmative Action
Affordable Care Act
Alt-right
Alternative medicine
America's global influence
Antifa
Artificial intelligence
Assisted suicide
Atheism
Bilingual education
Biofuels
Black Lives Matter
Border security
Capital punishment
Censorship
Charter schools
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Outsourcing
Pandemic
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Sanctuary city
Screen addiction
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Sex education
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Socialism
Solar power
Standardized testing
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Supreme Court confirmation
Sweatshops
Syrian civil war
Texas budget
Title IX
Trade deficit
Trade tariffs
Transgender rights
Urban agriculture
Vaccines
Vaping
Violence in the media
Voter fraud
Voting laws
White nationalism
Wildfires
Wind power
Women's rights
Zero tolerance policies
Imagine.
If we had embraced Colin Kaepernick's peaceful protest and paid attention to the issue he was trying to address.

Imagine.
We could be working toward change instead of witnessing the chaos, anger and violence in our streets.

Imagine.
Because this was exactly what Kaepernick was protesting.
Not the anthem. Not the flag. Not the military. But unchecked police brutality against people of color like George Floyd in our country.

Imagine.

The essay matters.
The U.S. economy, the world’s third-largest economy, is strong. The Gross Domestic Product is growing at about 2.6 percent per year. Unemployment was only 3.8 percent in February. Inflation is only 2.2 percent. While the national debt is about $22 trillion, 113 percent of GDP, most economists say that is only unhealthy for short periods.

Not all other countries have economies that are that healthy.

Pick three other countries – not the United States – and discuss economic problems they have been having so far this academic year and the sociopolitical situations surrounding them.
As Robert Glazer said in an April 1, 2020 *Forbes* article, “With little warning, COVID-19 is changing everything about our lives – changes that are universal across generation. Although each generation will be affected differently, all will be forced to acclimate to a new normal.”

And a Pew Research poll released March 30, 2020 showed that nearly 44% of U.S. adults say their life has changed in a major way.

COVID-19 has changed our way of life. First, discuss how the novel coronavirus has changed the way we work, play and learn. Second, include some of the major individuals and companies involved in this new, but temporary, normal. Finally, what steps do officials say will be required to get us back to work, play and school?
FROM THE CONSTITUTION

REPRESENTATION.

(1) Individual Competition. Each participant high school may enter as many as four individuals in the district meet, all of whom may place. In districts with more than eight schools, district executive committees may elect to limit entries to three.

(2) Team Competition. The individuals entered at district constitute the team. A team shall have a minimum of three contestants compete in order to participate in the team competition.

The team score is determined by adding the highest three individual scores in the objective portion of the contest. All four members of the winning team will advance to the next higher level of competition.

ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SCORING

- Objective + essay score.
- Only top eight objective scorers advance to essay round.
ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SCORING
OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

- Britney — 32
- Lindsay — 30
- Tara — 28
- Juan — 27
- Jayden — 26
- Sophia — 26
- Nicole — 25
- Hilary — 24
- Noah — 23
- Jacob — 22
- Mary-Kate — 21

All other contestants answered fewer than 21 correctly.

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### About Individual Scoring

Add the Essay Questions

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ABOUT TEAM SCORING

• Top three-member team determined by objective scores only.
• For example, TEAM A:
  Kevin — 29
  Brad — 26
  Jake — 25
  Matt — 21 (lowest score doesn’t count)
  Team score:  80
WHAT ABOUT THE WILD CARD?

- Best **second place** team among the eight districts in a region goes to region.
- Best **second place** team among the four regions in the state qualifies to the State Meet.
8 Districts per Region
4 Regions in the State

- District 1 — 78
- District 2 — 72
- District 3 — 69
- District 4 — 83
- District 5 — 66
- District 6 — 81
- District 7 — 70
- District 8 — 68

- Region 1 — 81
- Region 2 — 77
- Region 3 — 72
- Region 4 — 83
WHAT IF THERE’S A TIE?
FOURTH TEAM MEMBER’S SCORE
WILL BREAK TIE.

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• District 5 — 66
• District 6 — 83
• District 7 — 70
• District 8 — 68

District 4 (83)
  Jennifer - 30
  Courtney - 27
  David - 26
  Matthew - 25

District 6 (83)
  Tony - 32
  Carmela - 28
  Meadow - 23
  A.J. - 19
Can a member of a team who did not place first, second or third at district but who advanced with the team then places first, second or third as an individual at region advance as an individual?

Yes.
THE NUMBERS: DISTRICT

The bar chart shows the number of district residents from 2004 to 2020. The number of residents has generally increased over the years, with a significant peak in 2008.
THE NUMBERS: REGION & STATE

Region participation in 2021 — ?
(2019 — 1,043)
(2018 — 1,072)
(2016 — 1,080)
(2015 — 1,088)

State participation in 2021 — 145
Odds of making it to State — ?
(2019 — 157)
(2018 — 161)
(2017 — 155)
(2016 — 165)
THE NUMBERS: STATE 2021

Overall average | 27.89 (High 42.8)

1A — 22.6 (High 35.3)
2A — 26.1 (High 37.5)
3A — 27.9 (High 42.3)
4A — 28.9 (High 41.3)
5A — 31.4 (High 40.8)
6A — 29.9 (High 42.8)
THE NUMBERS: STATE 2021

Objective score average | 25.4
High | 35
Low | 10

Essay score average | 5.9
High | 8.8 (n=1)
Low | 1.0 (n=1)
### The Numbers: State 2021

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When Democratic legislators walked out Sunday night, it was clear that SB7 wouldn't pass. What was it about?

- elections and voter access
- expanding gun rights
- restricting abortion
- bail reform
Weekly News Quiz for Students: Covid Decline, Viral Video, Giant Iceberg

Compiled by Alex Ochs and Jeremy Cashl May 31, 2021

This is our final Weekly News Quiz for Students for the 2020-21 school year. Look for our Summer News Quiz in August.

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Impact of human activity on climate change

Racism, disparities in the economy

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On May 20, after more than 1,000 days of fighting that had taken more than 230 lives and inspired protests and diplomatic efforts around the world, Israel and Hamas agreed to a cease-fire. Officials on both sides said:

3. three

10

25

1000

Last week, the United Nations reported the lowest number of new COVID-19 cases since

October 2021

January 2021
Question 2 of 12
Who presented the Bush administration's case for war in an address to the United Nations Security Council?

Condoleezza Rice
Dick Cheney
George Tenet
Colin Powell

Answer quickly to earn more points!
46 coins
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Texas UIL Current Issues and Events

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Congratulations to Alex Yount of Dripping Springs High School. The only person to score a perfect 40 in the CI&E Take-Home competition. Congratulations.

@OneTigerNation @dsisd uiltexas.org/files/academic...
11 years - 12 events - 5 schools - 3 ISDs - too many invitational tournaments, medals, trophies & ribbons to count - the most amazing coaches in the state to help him along the way! Today Andrew’s UIL Academics journey came to an end. I’m so proud of all he’s accomplished!
Q: How to start a fight in A: mix up teams and as @quizlet to prepare for year!

2005: A number Gerrard helps

2018: I, as not complete his history and achieving 13 years apart the greats #G

Current Issues and Events

2nd place team in Texas 4A

Thanks for the years of coaching @Skizalmc!

Also I got a great selfie with @bradleywilson09!
@bradleywilson09 is the coolest Current events director ever! #currentevents
SPORTSMANSHIP

Chad Smith
@MrAwesome109

Not only are we champions but we also just set a record for score! @uilciande State champs!
Obed -3rd Sam-4th

Spencer Johns
@ville Johns

Victory belongs to the most persevering.
- Napoleon Bonaparte

4 years to State.
Sophomore - 4th Individual
Junior - 1st Team
Senior - 2nd Individual

Rodrigo Estrada
@RodrigosEstJr

#UIL Academics Regional Meet domination! UIL Current Events Top
Team UIL Science Top Score UIL Social Studies Champ & Team
#StateBound UILtexas
SPORTSMANSHIP

Rachael Cummings
@rcummings5513

Tioga's Current Issues and Events won the 1A Texas State Championship! @uilciande

Amy Hodge
@amyhodge/

Way to go, Andrew! You worked hard for this 1st place! On to Region! #UILTexas @a_Plebeian01 @uilciande
NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- USA Today
- Wall Street Journal
- The New York Times
- The Washington Post
TEXAS METROPOLITAN NEWSPAPERS

- Dallas Morning News
- Houston Chronicle
- San Antonio Express-News
- Fort Worth Star-Telegram
- Austin American-Statesman
NEWS MAGAZINES

- The Week
- Time
- Newsweek
- Texas Monthly
- US News & World Report
- The Economist
RADIO, TELEVISION, INTERNET

- Texas Tribune
- National Public Radio
- PBS
- ABC, CBS, NBC
- CNN.com, MSNBC.com, foxnews.com
The commissioner shall develop and make available civics training programs for teachers and administrators.

A civics training program developed under this section must include training in:
  guided classroom discussion of current events, as appropriate for the grade level and consistent with the restrictions under Section 28.0022

28.0022
a teacher may not be compelled to discuss a particular current event or widely debated and currently controversial issue of public policy or social affairs;
  a teacher who chooses to discuss a topic described by Subdivision (1) shall, to the best of the teacher's ability,
      strive to explore that topic from diverse and contending perspectives without giving deference to any one perspective;
SENATE BILL 3

(4) a teacher, administrator, or other employee of a
state agency, school district, or open-enrollment charter school
may not:

(A) require or make part of a course inculcation
in the concept that:

(i) one race or sex is in

to another race or sex;

(ii) an individual, by
individual’s race or sex, is inherently rac

 oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously;

(iii) an individual should
against or receive adverse treatment solely or
the individual’s race or sex;

(iv) an individual’s n
standing, or worth is necessarily determined by
race or sex;

(v) an individual, by virtue of the
individual’s race or sex, bears responsibility, blame, or guilt for
actions committed by other members of the same race or sex;

(vi) meritocracy or traits such as a hard
work ethic are racist or sexist or were created by members of a
particular race to oppress members of another race;

(vii) the advent of slavery in the
territory that is now the United States constituted the true
founding of the United States, or

(viii) with respect to their relationship
to American values, slavery and racism are anything other than
deviations from, betrayals of, or failures to live up to the
authentic founding principles of the United States, which include
liberty and equality;

(B) teach, instruct, or train any administrator,
teacher, or staff member of a state agency, school district, or
open-enrollment charter school to adopt a concept listed under
Paragraph (A); or

(C) require an understanding of the 1619 Project.
CONTEST DATES 2021-2022

Invitational A — Jan. 7 - Feb. 5
Invitational B — Feb. 11 - March 12
District — March 21 - 26
Region — April 22 - 23
State — May 6 - 7
The contest will focus on a basic knowledge of current state, national and world events and issues. “Current events” are defined as those that have occurred during the current school year so any material after Aug. 16, 2021 is fair game for any exam. However, the following cut-off dates may assist in studying for multiple-choice questions.

- Invitational — Aug. 16 - Dec. 1 (A) or Jan. 3 (B)
- District — Aug. 16 - Feb. 7
- Region — Oct. 4 - March 7
- State — Dec. 1 - April 29
GET STARTED NOW

- Organize your team
- Read CI&E Contest Manual
- Engage in social media
- Collect and store data
- Practice regularly
- Attend an invitational meet
- Practice writing and evaluating essays
- Have fun
APRIL LEAVENWORTH

“Sometimes when we see what’s going on in the world around us, it can change our entire perspective on life. We might want to start volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, or with an animal rescue group. Knowing how and why our world is functioning the way it is RIGHT NOW makes us a lot more knowledgeable about how we might be able to change it for the future.”
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