

## Academic WorldQuest

Each year, the World Affairs Council of America (WACA) engages more than 4,000 high school students across the U.S. in quiz contests that test their knowledge of global issues and foreign policy in 10 categories. USIP is pleased to collaborate this year with WACA to add a peace and conflict strand to Academic WorldQuest 2017. The resources chosen to support this category will enable students to learn about the overarching state of peacebuilding today, but also specific examples of how the work gets done. Below is the study guide content that is featured in Academic World Quest's 2017 Study Guide. To learn about the other categories and a local competition near you, visit the [contest's main webpage!](#)

## Peace and Conflict in Today's World

Our perspective on the world is shaped by what media – and social media – cover. Oftentimes, the headlines are dominated by stories of war, refugees, and extremism. The reality in places like Afghanistan, Iraq, and Colombia is much more complicated. In conflict zones around the world, individuals, communities, and organizations are working to prove that peace is possible when they have the tools and knowledge to resolve disagreements without violence. The United States Institute of Peace (USIP) works to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict around the world. USIP, created by Congress in 1984, does this by engaging directly in conflict zones and by providing analysis, education, and resources to those working for peace.

Please note: due to upcoming revisions to the website, some of the direct links to USIP resources might change over the course of the 2016-2017 school year. For that reason, the Institute has created one landing page for all Academic WorldQuest materials listed in the Study Guide. The landing page – <http://www.usip.org/AcademicWorldQuest> - will remain available and include live links to the following resources:

- Read [“In the Shadow of a Massacre, a Peaceful Return in Iraq”](#)
- Read [“Colombia’s Peace Accord on the Missing”](#)
- Read [“Women Charting a New Course on Peace and Security”](#)
- Watch [“George Mitchell: Building Peace in Northern Ireland”](#)
- Read the Truth Commission Overviews:
  - [El Salvador](#)
  - [Rwanda 1999](#)
  - [South Korea 2005](#)
  - [Honduras 2010](#)

## Institute for Economics and Peace

- Read [“Global Peace Index 2016: Highlights”](#)
- Read [“Global Peace Index 2016: Section 4: Positive Peace & Systems Thinking”](#) pages 52-72
- Read [“Positive Peace Report 2016: Highlights”](#)

## U.S. Department of State

- Read [“Remarks at Oslo Forum”](#)

## **United Nations**

- Read pages 1-18 [“Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”](#)
- Read [“Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2015”](#) pages 1-11 and 23-27

## **The World Bank**

- Read [“The Impact of War and Peace in MENA”](#)

## **The Asia Foundation**

- Read: [“A Survey of the Afghan People: Afghanistan in 2015”](#) Executive Summary

## **National Constitution Center**

- Read [“10 Americans who’ve won the Nobel Peace Prize”](#)