

WORLD EVENTS
2011 - 2012 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES
Changes are in italics

[AGLOA World Events Playing Forms are available on the academicgames.org web site.]

WE1 The following version of WORLD EVENTS is played at all levels.

WE2 Three or four person games are played.

WE3 A total of 45 questions are played as follows:

Round 1 ---	Current Events Round 1	10 questions
Round 2 ---	Theme Lightning Round 1	18 questions
Round 3 ---	Current Events Round 2	10 questions
Round 4 ---	Theme Lightning Round 2	18 questions

Questions are multiple-choice with four alternatives marked A,B,C,D. At least one of the four alternatives is correct as determined by reliable resources.

WE4 *(2011-12 Change) There are no longer any reference books allowed at the table. Players may use any reference books they wish to prepare ahead of time for the Current Events or Theme Lightning Rounds, but only the Tournament Answer Sheet and Tournament Score Sheet may be at the table during the competition.*

THERE IS NO LONGER A THEME REFERENCE ROUND; ONLY TWO LIGHTNING ROUNDS

WE5 **Current Events Questions** refer to the most recent **one** year – **2011**.

Reference books are **NOT permitted at the table**. Questions are taken from current atlases, almanacs, published reviews of the year and other major publications. Questions may be about anywhere in the world.

WE6 The **Theme Questions** for **2011-12** refer to the following:

The Supreme Court

An Introduction with a Historical Perspective

The objective of this theme is to have students become familiar with the Supreme Court, how it works and how it is relevant to society in general. This theme is meant to be a factual study of the Court, its cases, and their impact on everyday lives of Americans.

Subtopics

Historical Perspective:

- A. *How the Court became part of our government, the Constitutional directive, the premise of the three branches of government*
- B. *Court Customs, number of judges, appointment process, calendar, choice of cases, brief explanation of the appellate system*
- C. *Changes over the years, the many firsts in terms of personnel*

The Justices:

- A. *Chief Justices, who appointed them, any controversies surrounding the appointment, how many years of service, important rulings or influences*
- B. *Associate Justices, limited to the following:
Brandeis, O'Connor, Holmes, Sotomeyer, Ginsberg, Paterson, Chase, Black and Story*
Students will be expected to know the same information about the justices as they have to know about the Chief Justices. This category is not meant to be modeled after Presidents. There will not be questions about biographical information.

The Cases

All students should know the following:

- A. *The opposing viewpoints*
- B. *The Constitutional connection*
- C. *Who wrote the majority opinion*
- D. *The reasoning stated for the opinion*
- E. *The ramifications of the opinion on society*
- F. *If the ruling has withstood the test of time or been reversed*
Jr/Sr should also know the same facts about the dissenting opinions on its eight cases

Elementary

Marbury vs Madison
United States vs Nixon
Dred Scott vs Sanford
Plessy vs Ferguson
Brown vs Board of Education
Baker vs Carr
Charles River Bridge vs Warren
Bridge
Hylton vs United States
Polluck vs Farmers Loan and Trust
Bradwell vs Illinois

**Middle plus the
Elementary cases**

McCulloch vs Maryland

Gibbons vs Ogden

NY Times vs United States

Gideon vs Wainwright

Miranda vs Arizona

Bush vs Gore

Clinton vs Jones

Terry vs Adams

Furman vs Georgia

Ring vs Arizona

**Jr/Sr plus the Elementary,
Middle cases and the
dissenting opinion on the cases
below**

Roe vs Wade

NY Times vs United States

Dred Scott vs Sanford

Plessy vs Ferguson

Lochner vs New York

Korematsu vs United States

Bush vs Gore

Atkins vs Virginia

WE7 A central reader announces a category. The categories for the Theme Round are the subtopics for that year. For current events, sample categories include:
Culture, Economy, History, Politics, Science, Sports, and Entertainment.

For the Current Events Rounds:

WE8 Each player begins each round with 0 points. Before each question is read aloud, each player writes a wager of 2, 4, or 6 on his/her wager/answer sheet. All wagers at a table are revealed simultaneously, then recorded on a common score sheet before the question is read.

WE9 The central reader reads aloud the question and the four alternative answers. The reader may read the question and alternatives twice and only twice. Players are encouraged to take notes about the alternatives. The reader may wish to write certain words on a central board, especially in the Elementary Division.

WE10 From the end of the second reading, each player has about 30 seconds to circle her/his answer on the Answer/Wager Sheet.

WE11 A player may **abstain** from answering, but each player may abstain no more than twice per round. If a player abstains on a question a third or more times, the player loses his/her wager for that question.

WE12 **SCORING for Current Events Rounds** is as follows:

- a) If a player's answer agrees with the reader's, that player wins his wager. (6 or 4 or 2)
- b) If a player's answer disagrees with the reader's, the player loses **HALF** his wager. (**-3 or -2 or -1**)
- c) If a player abstains, the player neither gains nor loses points, provided he has not exceeded the abstention limit of two (see WE11).
- d) **If a player is not at the table to answer a question, the player scores -4 for that question.**

For the Theme Lightning Rounds:

WE13 NO references may be used. Also, no wagering is allowed and NO abstentions are needed. The value of each question (2 or 4 or 6) is announced by the central reader prior to the reading. Time limits are similar to the Current Events round. After answering, players receive the designated point value for a correct answer and zero (0) for a wrong answer.

WE14 Play proceeds until all questions have been dealt with in a round. The ultimate winner in a Division is determined by the total number of points in all rounds.

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