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Contest questions are prepared from works listed below.
This list is for general information and to help students find similar reference works among their own school textbooks.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

Reference: Magruder's American Government. Daniel M. Shea.
2016 Edition, Pearson Education ISBN 13: 978-01-3330699-6,

Topics: Topic 12- Government and the Economy; Topic 13 – State and Local Government; Topic 14- Comparative Political Systems

AMERICAN HISTORY

Reference: The American Pageant: A History of the American People,
Sixteenth Edition, David M. Kennedy and Lizabeth Cohen,
ISBN: 978-1-305-07590-0, 2016.

Topic Area: Part 2: Building the New Nation 1776-1860; Chapters 9-15;
pages 158-337

ART HISTORY

Reference: Art That Changed the World, Transformative Art Movements and the Paintings That Inspired Them– August, 2013

Topic Area: The 19th Century, pages 234-310

BIOLOGY

References:

1. The Living World, G. Johnson. McGraw Hill, 4th Ed. 2006, New York, New York: McGraw-Hill, ISBN: 0-07-281795X; Chapters 24 – 30
2. Biology: The Unity and Diversity of Life. C. Starr & R. Taggart, 2004. 10th ed. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Group. ISBN: 0-534-38801, Chapters 33 – 44

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BIOLOGY (*continued*)

Topic Area: Human Biology: Animal Structure and Function”- subareas: tissue, nervous and endocrine systems, skeletal and muscle systems, circulatory and lymphatic systems, immune systems, respiratory systems, digestive systems and diseases of organ systems.

CHEMISTRY

Reference: Silderberg Amateis, Chemistry: The Molecular Nature of Matter and Change, 8th Edition, McGraw Hill, 2018, ISBN: 978-1259631757

No Specific Topic, General Chemistry

CURRENT EVENTS

The Philadelphia Inquirer - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday’s editions.
Section A only, No Briefcase, No Opinion

GEOGRAPHY

Reference: Goode’s Atlas, 23rd Edition

Topic Area: South America – pages 171 – 188
Major areas of coverage: physical features (bodies of water, mountain ranges, etc.); regions, countries (including any states or provinces), capitals and major cities

LITERATURE

Anton Chekhov, The Greatest Short Stories of Anton Chekhov, FP Fingerprint Classics; Published 2025; ISBN: 978-93-8971-710-5

1. The Lottery Ticket
2. The Man in the Case
3. An Official Duty

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LITERATURE (*continued*)

4. The Lady with the Dog
5. Betrothed

Roald Dahl, The Best of Roald Dahl, Vintage Books; Published 1990;
ISBN: 978-0-679-72991-4

1. Dip in the Pool
2. Lamb to the Slaughter
3. The Way Up to Heaven
4. The Landlady
5. The Boy Who Talked with Animals

Shirley Jackson, Dark Tales; Penguin Books, Published 2017;
ISBN: 978-0-14-313200-4

1. The Possibility of Evil
2. Louisa, Please Come Home
3. All She Said Was Yes
4. Family Treasures
5. The Summer People

Kurt Vonnegut, Look at the Birdie; Dial Press Trade Paperback, New York, 2010.

1. Confido
2. Shout About it from the Housetops
3. A Song for Selma
4. The Honor of a Newsboy
5. King and Queen of the Universe

MATHEMATICS

No specific source used. The three questions in the standard category of each contest will be on the same subject. Problems will consist of general math, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry

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PHYSICS

Reference:

1. Conceptual Physics, 10th edition, Hewitt (2006), ISBN 0-8053-9375-7
2. College Physics, R.A Serway & C. Vuille (2012), ISBN 0-8400-6206-2

No Specific Topic, General Physics

SHAKESPEARE

Reference: The Complete Works of Shakespeare, edited by David Bevington

Specific Works: Romeo and Juliet, As You Like It, The Merchant of Venice, Comedy of Errors

SPORTS

Suggested Reference: <https://www.espn.com/olympics/winter/2026/sports>

Topic Area: 2026 Winter Olympic Games, United States Gold, Silver Medal, and Bronze Winners

WORLD HISTORY

Reference: World History Patterns of Interaction, Beck, Black, Krieger, Naylor, Shabaka, 2012, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing, ISBN 978-0547491127

Topic Area: Unit 7- The World at War; Chapters 29-32