

Pentathlon for 7th and 8th Graders

There is currently a workshop in Amador and Monika and Claire are planning one in San Andreas for the brand new Pentathlon. The curricular theme for 7th and 8th graders in 2009-2010 is "The American Revolution".

The Pentathlon competition is comprised of five academic events: Essay, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and Super Quiz™ (The American Revolution).

All competitions for the pentathlon will be held online and are strictly voluntary.

Practice Competition - February 27, 2010
Essay for State Competition - April 9, 2010
State Competition - April 24, 2010
National Competition - May 15, 2010

Competitors can win team and individual medals for their efforts.

The USAID® Pentathlon teams should consist of a maximum of nine team members and a minimum of six team members. Each team must consist of at least two "A" students, at least two "B" students and at least two "C or below" students. The team score will be determined by the sum of the top two student scores in each GPA category. A perfect team score is 30,000 points (6 students x 5 events x 1000 points possible per event).

1. Essay: Students will select one out of three prompts based on the novel. Students are allowed 45 minutes to complete their essay. Highest score possible is 1000 points.
2. Math: 25 problems with a value of 40 points each.
3. Science: 50 questions with a value of 20 points each.
4. Social Studies: 50 questions with a value of 20 points each.
5. Super Quiz™: 40 questions with a value of 25 points each.

A student's maximum possible score is 5000 points (5 events x 1000 points)

The "focus semesters" for GPA computation are the fall and spring semester grades of the previous year plus any summer school grades from the session preceding the current grade.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janet at jkendig@ccoe.k12.ca.us or ext. 2256 or Monika or Claire at the San Andreas site.