

# JWAC MEETING

October 19, 2016

# Meeting information

Time: 3:45-4:30pm

Dates: Every Wednesday

Room: F242 (possibly A206)



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# Upcoming Events

- Club Picture
  - ◆ November 14th, 4:15pm
  - ◆ PAC
- Speaker Event
  - ◆ December 7th, 3:30-5:30pm
  - ◆ Blackbox



# REMINDER

Please register for JWAC by visiting the website and clicking “Join Now” button!





# WorldQuest topic: Current Events

# CNN Student News

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/studentnews/2016/10/18/sn-1019.cnn>

# Question 1

An Iraqi-led military operation to retake Iraq's second-largest city ..?.. from ISIS control, has begun.

- A) Mosul
- B) Fallujah
- C) Basramamalama
- D) Kirkuk





## Question 2

House Speaker Paul Ryan of ..?.. said he will no longer campaign for Donald Trump amid a growing controversy about the candidate's behavior with women.

- A) Illinois
- B) Texas
- C) Wisconsin
- D) Colorado



## Question 3

..?.. released a flood of hacked emails related to Hillary Clinton, including ones that showed possible priority treatment to Clinton Foundation donors when she was secretary of state.

- A) The Russian government
- B) WikiLeaks
- C) The Trump campaign
- D) Guccifer 2.0



## Question 4

..?.. REBELS IN YEMEN ALLEGEDLY FIRED ON A U.S. NAVY WARSHIP, DAYS AFTER A SAUDI BOMB ATTACK ON A FUNERAL KILLED AT LEAST 140 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY.

- A) FARC
- B) AL QAEDA
- C) AL SHABAABALABA
- D) HOUTHY



## Question 5

Legendary singer and songwriter ..?.. won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

- A) Taylor Swift
- B) Paul McCartney
- C) Roger Waters
- D) Bob Dylan



## Question 6

Twenty-four-year-old actress and activist ..?... livestreamed her arrest in North Dakota for trying to block the construction of part of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

- A) Jennifer Lawrence
- B) Shailene Woodley
- C) Brie Larsen
- D) Selena Gomez



## Question 7

North Carolina Governor ..?. called the weekend firebombing of a Republican headquarters in his state an act of "political terrorism."

- A) Pat McCrory
- B) John Kasich
- C) Nathan Deal
- D) Sam Brownback



## Question 8

..?.. ended production of its Galaxy Note 7 because the phone is prone to catching on fire.

- A) Nokia
- B) Apple
- C) Samsung
- D) Lenovo



# Question 9

The final presidential debate will be held on Wednesday, October 19th in ..?...

- A) Los Angeles
- B) Las Vegas
- C) Chicago
- D) Dallas





# Question 10

Twenty-one girls who had been kidnapped by the terrorist group Boko Haram have been returned to their homes in ..?...

- A) Nigeria
- B) Kenya
- C) Sudan
- D) Ghana



# News Quiz Answers

1) A

2) C

3) B

4) D

5) D

6) B

7) A

8) C

9) B

10) A

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# WorldQuest

# What is WorldQuest?

- Competition in February at UTA
  - 10 topics
  - 100 multiple-choice
  - Around 100 teams around the area compete in the event
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# WorldQuest Topics

- Current Events
- Great Decisions
- Peace and Conflict in Today's World (USIP)
- Combating Infectious Disease
- European Union
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Turkey
- Global Megacities
- China
- Women in Technology



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# Peace and Conflict in Today's World

# Colombia Peace Accord on the Missing

- In 1964 a civil War between the Colombian government, FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), ELN (National Liberation Army), and other left-wing guerilla groups broke out in Colombia.
- In November of 2012 peace talks between the Colombian government and the FARC began.
- The Colombia Peace Accord on the Missing was officially signed on October 17th, 2015.





# Colombia Peace Accord on the Missing


- The accord was signed in order to address the issue of forced disappearances.
- Forced Disappearance: defined in international human rights law as the unacknowledged arrest, detention, or abduction of persons by state agents or with state acquiescence.
- Paramilitary groups targeted the poor, peasant and labor organizers, journalists, human rights activists, politicians, and Afro-Colombian and indigenous leaders.
- Abductions were also carried out by government security force and guerilla groups and were most common in the departments of Antioquia, Meta, Valle del Cauca, Cesar, Caquetá, and Putumayo.

# Colombia Peace Accord on the Missing

- It is estimated that there are about 45,000 victims of forced disappearing and a total of 111,588 missing persons.
- Bodies were often dumped in mass graves, dumps, rivers, and jungles
- Because many of the victims' bodies have not been located, the families of the victims cannot bury their dead or prosecute the perpetrator.



# Colombia Peace Accord on the Missing

- The Accord mandates a list of immediate measures:
    - The Red Cross delegation in Colombia will consolidate information about the missing.
    - The government will be involved in the process of accelerating identification of bodies and returning those bodies to their families.
    - The FARC will be required to release any information about missing persons that they may have.
    - The Red Cross will contact the families of missing persons that were in the FARC
  - Unidad de Búsqueda de Personas Desaparecida, an independent search unit, will be created to search for and identify the remains of the missing and return their bodies to their families.
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# Colombia Peace Accord on the Missing

- Challenges


- No comprehensive database or registry for information about missing persons
- Witnesses are often reluctant to share information because of threats against them or their families
- As time passes, the remains disintegrate, making it more difficult to find and identify bodies.



# South Korean Truth Commission

- 진실화해를위한과거사정리위원회
- The commission existed from December 2005 to December 2010
- Japan occupied Korea from the early twentieth century to the end of WWI in 1945,
- After the WWI, the Korean peninsula was split and governed by the US and the USSR.
- In 1948 two independent governments emerged that both claimed to be the legitimate government of the entire Korean peninsula.
- In 1950, South Korea was invaded by the North Korean military, starting a three year civil war
- After a the war, South Korea was governed by a military regime.

# South Korean Truth Commission

- The commission was created in order to investigate human rights abuses, violence, and massacres that occurred from the time of Japanese imperial rule to the current government.
  - The commission has 15 official members and about 240 staff members
  - Findings of the Commission:
    - In the 1970s the military regime killed many demonstrators and dissidents
    - There was evidence of many mass killings perpetrated by the North Korean, South Korean, and United States governments.
    - Many civilian were also killed in anti- Japanese independence movements.
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# South Korean Truth Commission

- The commission received 11,174 cases by petition
- 8,468 (76%) cases were accepted, and about 1,729 cases were rejected
- There was only data on about 8000 civilians killed. The commission estimate that these individual comprise only 5% of civilians killed during that era.
- The government has since created historical records of these humans rights violations, monuments, and peace education.
- Reparations to victims, including medical services, have been signed into law.
- Civilians who were falsely accused of crimes will be granted retrials.
- In 2008 the leader, Ro Mu-Hyeon, issued an official apology on behalf of the state.


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QUIZ!



# Question 1

The official definition of forced disappearance is...

- A) The unacknowledged kidnapping, detention, or abduction of persons by a government or with government acquiescence.
  - B) The unacknowledged arrest, detention, or abduction of persons by state agents or with state acquiescence.
  - C) The political kidnapping, detention, or abduction of persons by state agents or organized militias.
  - D) The political arrest, detention, or abduction of persons by a government or with government acquiescence.
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## Question 2

Which department of Colombia was a frequent target of forced disappearing?

- A) Cesar
- B) Córdoba
- C) Casanare
- D) Cauca



## Question 3


Which is not one of the problems associated with finding and identifying missing persons?

- A) Bodies are often dumped in mass graves or rivers
- B) Bodies decay with time
- C) Government officials often face threats from guerilla groups.
- D) There is no database of information on missing persons.



## Question 4

Which of the following is mandated by the Colombian Peace Accord on the Missing?

- A) The government will meet with FARC officials to return the remains of missing persons from guerilla groups.
  - B) The Red Cross will contacts families of the FARC to return the remains of missing persons.
  - C) The FARC will create a database documenting information about missing persons from guerilla groups.
  - D) The FARC will return the remains of missing persons buried in mass graves near their military bases.
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# Question 5

The prime minister of South Korea who created the Truth Commission is....

- A) Hyeo Ru-Heon
- B) Ru Mo-Hyon
- C) Ho Meo-Hyun
- D) Ro Mu-Hyeon



# Answers

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. D





WorldQuest topic: Great Decisions

# Great Decisions

1. Shifting Alliances in the Middle East
2. The Rise of ISIS
3. The Future of Kurdistan
4. International Migration
5. Korean Choices
6. The United Nations Post-2015
7. Climate Geopolitics
8. Cuba and the U.S

\*\*\* only topic with major subsections\*\*\*





# Study Guide

- Click on this document link:
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vRM6pA3E-h\\_3DOBOWkPkwHfuJqoX5dAvV\\_7mJTncQgg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vRM6pA3E-h_3DOBOWkPkwHfuJqoX5dAvV_7mJTncQgg/edit?usp=sharing)
- Read the short overviews
- Read the glossaries
- Short review next meeting!



## In the Future...

- Study groups
- WorldQuest teams (<4 members)





Meeting adjourned

See you next time!