# FIRST JWAC MEETING

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#### WHAT IS JWAC?

- Academic WorldQuest
- Global Competence Testing
- Model United Nations
- Community Activities
  - Canned food drive
  - Video Conferences
  - Speaker events

#### ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST

#### **2016-2017 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

#### Competition Details

- February
- University of Texas at Arlington

"One of the greatest challenges facing our nation and our schools across the country is preparing our youth for the globally interconnected world of the 21st century. America's ability to face the economic and security challenges of the 21st century and seize new opportunities is dependent on an educated and informed citizenry and workforce. Academic WorldQuest is a unique opportunity to expose our youth to the world outside our borders and prepare them for the challenges and the opportunities of the 21st Century." - World Affairs Council of America

#### ACTIVITIES

- Canned food drive
- Video Conferences
  - Mike Madej Peace Corps
  - Dr. Jae-Jae Spoon Professor at UNT
  - Tell us their story and chat
- Speaker event in December
  - Christopher Cambises
  - 100+ people came
  - APUSH extra credit





#### COMMUNICATIONS

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#### NEWS QUIZ

Source: <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/column/learning-news-quiz">http://www.nytimes.com/column/learning-news-quiz</a>



The first presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump was watched last week by the largest audience since televised debates began in 1960, and Mrs. Clinton appears to have gotten a lift in a handful of battleground states after it, according to polls.

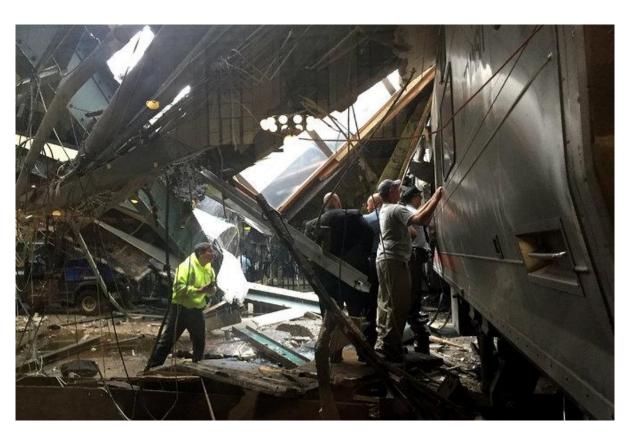
What topic, brought up by Mrs. Clinton at the end of the debate, did Mr. Trump continue talking and tweeting about all week?

- A) Alicia Machado, a former Miss Universe
- B) Bill Clinton's marital infidelities
- C) Climate change
- D) The rise of ISIS



In Sept., news broke that Wells Fargo employees had, for years, secretly \_\_\_\_\_\_, Last week, Wells Fargo announced that it would claw back compensation valued at \$41 million from its embattled chairman and chief executive, John G. Stumpf, one of the first times since the 2008 financial crisis that a chief executive has been forced to give up compensation.

- A) Created counterfeit currency
- B) Participated in a scheme to manipulate a benchmark interest rate
- C) Set up illicit accounts without customers' knowledge to meet sales targets
- D) Stole money from customers' accounts



A careening commuter train plowed through the barrier at the end of the tracks and crashed into a wall at a terminal in \_\_\_\_\_ during the morning rush on Sept. 29, killing one person, injuring more than 100 and unleashing chaos as part of the station's roof came tumbling down in a jumble of metal.

- A) Hoboken, NJ
- B) Providence, RI
- C) Staten Island
- D) Washington



\_\_\_\_\_\_, one of the last surviving pillars of Israel's founding generation, who did more than anyone to build up his country's formidable military might, then worked as hard to establish a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians, died last week at 93.

- A) David Ben-Gurion
- B) Golda Meir
- C) Benjamin Netanyahu
- D) Shimon Peres



The first veto override of the Obama presidency came on Sept. 28 when Congress voted overwhelmingly to allow Americans to sue Saudi Arabia over \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Within hours of their vote, however, nearly 30 senators signed a letter expressing reservations about the potential consequences of the law.)

- A) The conflict in Iraq
- B) The price of oil
- C) The September 11 terrorist attacks
- D) Its treatment of women



Donald Trump's 1995 tax records, portions of which were mailed to The Times, show that he declared a loss so big that year — \_\_\_\_\_ — that it could have allowed him to legally avoid paying any federal income taxes for 18 years.

- A) \$916
- B) \$916,000
- C) \$916 million
- D) \$916 billion



The nation of Colombia was in shock on Oct 2 after just over 50 percent of voters rejected a peace deal, years in the making, between the government and the leaders of \_\_\_\_\_. This leaves the fate of a 52-year war suddenly uncertain.

- A) FARC, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia
- B) The Sandinista National Liberation Front
- C) The Shining Path
- D) The Zapatista National Liberation Army



The United States formally suspended its talks with Russia about the war in Syria on Oct. 3. Russia and Syria have been carrying out a brutal bombing campaign in rebel-held parts of \_\_\_\_\_\_, where 275,000 civilians — including about 100,000 children — are trapped.

- A) Aleppo
- B) Baghdad
- C) Mogadishu
- D) Peshawar



Hurricane Matthew caused damage in the Dominican Republic on Oct. 3, and \_\_\_\_\_\_, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, braced on Oct. 4 for what meteorologists describe as "catastrophic" potential floods and landslides. The country is still recovering from an earthquake that devastated it in 2010.

- A) Cuba
- B) Jamaica
- C) Haiti
- D) Puerto Rico



Rodrigo Duterte, the president of ..?.., compared himself to Hitler while talking about his desire to kill drug addicts.

- A) The Philippines
- B) El Salvador
- C) Nicaragua
- D) Indonesia

#### ANSWERS

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