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Interlake students at 2019 State Bowl

Senior Division students GIPS Competition at State Bowl 2019

Hello Coaches,

When you receive this newsletter, you will have just 11 days until PPI (International Travel) is due for evaluation. Please remind your students that they only need to complete steps one through three for this practice problem. Additional work submitted will not be evaluated. This practice problem gives your students the opportunity to hone their skills as creative thinkers as they write challenges and solutions as well as checking to see that they know how to incorporate the four parts (condition phrase, key verb phrase, rationale and future scene parameters) into their Underlying Problem (UP).

One area that students have quite a lot of trouble with is tying their solutions to their UP. So, in order to help your students with this, the evaluators, as they read your booklets, will be looking at how well your students directly attempt to solve the UP when they write their solutions. A great solution that does not attempt to solve the team's UP will not be scored as a relevant solution.

Also, please remind your students that the category list is useful as a tool to help them write challenges/solutions that deal with different areas of the future scene. It also helps to broaden the scope of their challenges and solutions.

If you are looking for a copy of a blank booklet for teams or individuals, a copy can be found on the wafps.org website under Coaches/Resources for Coaches. The document Key Tips can also be found there as well as many other resources you might find useful.

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL UP ACTIVITY

If you are using the Topic Activity Units, then you know how valuable it is. If not, here's an abbreviated preview from the International Travel TAU on writing a UP. To purchase the TAU, please go to fpspimart.org

It is a virtual necessity for a team to write the Underlying Problem correctly. Study the **following UP Security Check Guidelines** so that you can develop a complete and high quality UP.

UP SECURITY CHECK GUIDELINES

The Underlying Problem Statement contains four required parts:

Condition Phrase: The Condition Phrase is a lead-in fact or logical assumption from the research or Future Scene that is the basis for, or the cause of the challenge area selected as the Underlying Problem. The Condition Phrase uses accurate information from the Future Scene and/or related research on the topic.

For example: Because many people dream of visiting new and exciting places to experience culture, cuisine, and local entertainment and international travel can be a grind,

Stem + Key Verb Phrase: A UP statement must contain the stem ("In what ways might we" or "How might we") and one key action verb in a phrase indicating what action will take place to solve the Underlying Problem. ***For example:*** *Because many people dream of visiting new and exciting places to experience culture, cuisine, and local entertainment and international travel can be a grind,* ***how might we better accommodate passengers***

Purpose: The purpose specifies an optimal direction, goal to pursue, or reason for solving the challenge. The purpose should be singular and give further information about the goal to be accomplished by solving the Underlying Problem; it is not a repetition of the Condition Phrase or the Key Verb Phrase. ***For example:*** *Because many people dream of visiting new and exciting places to experience culture, cuisine, and local entertainment and international travel can be a grind, how might we better accommodate passengers* ***so that the experience is less draining***

Future Scene Parameters: The Future Scene Parameters place the Underlying Problem within the confines of the Future Scene. The parameters include the time, place, and topic. ***For example:*** *Because many people dream of visiting new and exciting places to experience culture, cuisine, and local entertainment and* ***international travel (topic)*** *can be a grind, how might we* ***in 2044 (time),*** *better accommodate passengers who travel around the* ***world (place)*** *so that the experience is less draining?*

IMPORTANT SECURITY GUIDELINES

- Choose a measurable Purpose. Avoid phrases like "so people can lead a happier life."
- Double-Check the final UP. Remove all extra words that will require you to take additional steps to meet every condition set forth in your Underlying Problem.
- Avoid using the words "and" and "or" in the KVP and Purpose.
- Always narrow the focus of the Future Scene charge so you do not restate the directive.
- Focus on an important issue.
- Use soft verbs in place of absolute verbs like stop, ensure, eliminate, etc.

Directions:

1. Analyze the following Underlying Problems and complete a security check to determine if they follow the **UP Security Check Guidelines.**
2. Check all that apply. Then rewrite the UP.

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1. ***In what ways might we take security precautions around the world in the International Travel Industry so that travelers arrive safely at their planned destinations?***

   _____ This UP is not complete. (Condition Phrase, Stem + Key Verb Phrase, Purpose, and Parameters).
   _____ This UP is focused on an important issue related to International Travel.
   _____ This UP contains no absolute verbs.
   _____ The Purpose of this UP is measurable.
   _____ The UP KVP and Purpose are singular.
   _____ This UP meets all criteria for a well-written Underlying Problem.

2. ***Because some people find International Travel to be a tedious and uncomfortable experience, how might we improve customer satisfaction so that International Travel does not decline?***

   _____ This UP is not complete. (Condition Phrase, Stem + Key Verb Phrase, Purpose, and Parameters).
   _____ This UP is focused on an important issue related to International Travel.
   _____ This UP contains no absolute verbs.
   _____ The Purpose of this UP is measurable.
   _____ The UP KVP and Purpose are singular.
   _____ This UP meets all criteria for a well-written Underlying Problem.

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FEES 2019-20

GIPS Teams $140
GIPS Individuals $110
CmPS Teams or Individuals $130
CmPS 2nd or 3rd year continuation $25
Scenario Writing $45
Scenario Performance $45

Register online at wafps.org.
Have a question? Text/call John @ 509-386-6297

POSSIBLE TIMELINE FOR GIPS TEAM COMPETITION

10 minutes: Read/discuss Future Scene
10 minutes: Brainstorm Challenges
20 minutes: Write Challenges
15 minutes: Write Underlying Problem
20 minutes: Brainstorm Solutions
20 minutes: Write Criteria & Rank Solutions on Grid
15 minutes: Develop Action Plan

This timeline gives a team **10 minutes of variable time**. Total time is 120 minutes. Finishing the UP by the end of the first hour is highly recommended.

Important Dates

10/11: PPI due

11/13: Last day to register and have PPII evaluated; last day to register before late fee

11/18: PPII due

12/31: Last day to register for any component for 2019-20

1/9: CmPS progress reports due

1/14: QP due

1/23: Scenario Writing due

1/23: Scenario Performance due

2/20: CmPS projects due

2/28: Advancing Scenario Writing Cover Sheets due to IO

3/3: State Bowl registration deadline

3/9: Advancing Scenario Writing due to IO

3/18-20: State Bowl at Warm Beach

4/3: Advancing CmPS Cover Sheet due to IO

4/14: Advancing CmPS projects due to IO

6/3-7: 2020 International Conference, Amherst, Massachusetts

FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

I would like to welcome three new members to the State Board. Their role is to promote a strong FPS program in Washington State and to present concerns and ideas to the Board from both the coach and evaluator perspectives. The new State Board members are: from Riverview Elementary School in Snohomish, **Kimberlee Spaetig-Peterson**; from Fairhaven Middle School, in Bellingham, **Melissa Cornelsen**; and from Shuksan Middle School in Bellingham, **Michaela Moritz**.

Please call/text (509) 386-6297 or email me (jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com) any time you have questions.

Next Month: **New CmPS requirement; Scenario Writing and Performance and more**

"Learn from yesterday. Live for today. Hope for tomorrow."
–Albert Einstein