

## Culture

The Culture genre of the World Quizzing Championships examines qualities of individuals and societies that are manifest in belief systems, along with arts and letters that communicate the essence of those thoughts. Questions cover the tenets of mythology, philosophy, and religion as well as the people and places associated with the formation or perpetuation of ideas. Artistic expression in physical form of various mediums are explored along with the places where these items are presented, along with other outstanding instances of the built environment.

Major subcategories of WQC Culture are:

- Architecture
- Fine Arts
- Museums
- Mythology
- Philosophy
- Religion

## Entertainment

In the context of the World Quizzing Championships, the Entertainment category focuses on the presentation of audible and kinetic artistic expression in the forms of music and dance, and performances of other types combining these elements. This genre also covers broadcast distribution of information via radio, television, and internet. The potential of improvisation and immediacy distinguish this category from that in the WQC of Media.

Major subcategories of WQC Entertainment are:

- Music
  - Classical
  - Blues
  - Film Score
- Jazz
- Rock
- World
- Ballet
- Musicals and Operas
- Radio
- Television
- Internet

## History

History can be characterized as the record of events, as well as the events themselves. In some cases the current analysis of data may differ from how the winners or survivors have interpreted and written about the results. Legend and myth may surround many people, places, and times of the past, and history is constantly honed toward greater truth based upon investigation, technical advances, and discoveries of lost materials. The World Quiz covers this rich area of information while being cognizant that the answers thought correct today may some day evolve.

Major subcategories of WQC History are:

- <450AD
- 450-1492
- 1492-1900
- 1900-date
- Current Affairs
- Explorations
- Famous People
- Civilizations

## Lifestyle

The lifestyle category of the World Quizzing Championships connects to deeper knowledge that participants have about common life experiences. Individuals, families, and societies coping with their physical, psychological, social, and economic environments on a day-to-day basis are the core of this genre.

Lifestyle is expressed in both work and leisure behavior, and in activities, attitudes, interests, opinions, and values -- supported by allocation of income. The questions cover things related to people's self image or self concept; the way they see themselves and believe they are seen by the others. Lifestyle is a blend of motivations, needs, and wants and is influenced by factors such as family, reference groups, culture, and social class.

Major subcategories of WQC Lifestyle are:

- Costume
- Design
- Fashion
- Food and Drink
- Handicrafts
- Health & Fitness
- Human Body
- New Age Beliefs
- Products & Brands
- Tourism

## Media

The Media category of the World Quizzing Championships includes both fictional and factual descriptions of the human experience. This genre covers the elements of language, which in turn has led to stories communicated via print and film. Plot, meter, and other general elements of formal structure, along with consumption by individuals or smaller groups differentiate this classification from that of Entertainment in the WQC.

Major subcategories of WQC Media are:

- Movies
  - 1900-1980
  - 1980-2000
  - Recent
- Literature
  - <1900
  - 1900-1980
  - Recent
- Poetry
- Drama
- Comics
- Language

## Science

Questions in the World Quizzing Championships related to science may cover the people who have made various discoveries, or the characteristics of how phenomena or instances of the natural world have been defined in terms of formulae or classification. Focus during the test is not on calculations or analysis, but upon the participants understanding of a variety of methods, hypotheses, and breakthroughs in basic research, as well as identification of various substances and life forms.

Major subcategories of WQC Science are:

- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Sciences
- Fauna
- Flora

## Sport

The sport genre of the World Quizzing Championships has a primary focus on those events, competitions, recreations, and amusements that are global in scope. The trend of inquiry is toward Olympic and World Cup meetings, with some coverage of athletic activities of a regional or specialist nature. On the intellectual side, leisure pursuits of many types, along with questions about games of skill or chance are part of the exam.

Major subcategories of WQC Sport are:

- Track and Field
- Team Sports
- Motor Sports
- Winter Sports
- Games
- Hobbies & Passtimes
- Records

## World

The world category of the World Quizzing Championships covers geography and related themes. Participants are tested on their knowledge of location in relative and absolute terms. Questions include the human and physical characteristics of places. The interactions of how humans adapt, modify, and depend on the environment as well as the movement of people, goods and ideas are covered. Identification of regions and technologies are made in formal, functional, and perceptual/vernacular context. The world in this case covers the entire universe, and the exploration thereof.

Major subcategories of WQC World are:

- Cities
- Geography
- Inventions
- Technology
- Transport
- Space