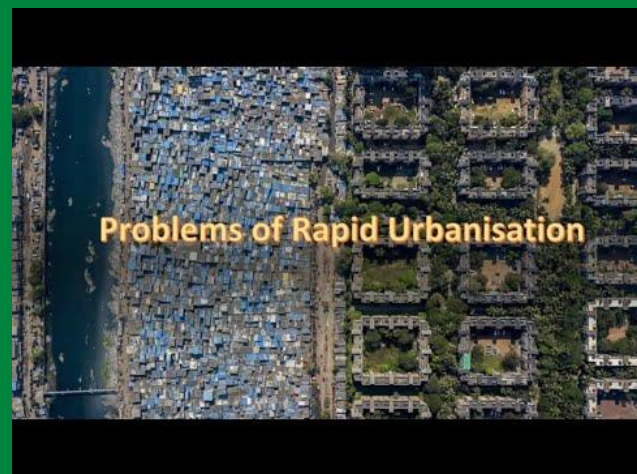


# Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK  
NOVEMBER 2023



Here are two videos to share with your students for PPII Urbanization.  
Left: Why are People Moving to Cities?  
Right: Problems of Rapid Urbanization

Hello,

The completed evaluations for the first practice problem should be available by the beginning of next week. The evaluators are putting the finishing touches on their comments so that you can see in which areas your students may need more assistance. If you have questions about any of your evaluations, please email or text either the evaluation director or me.

The second practice problem allows your students to complete a full booklet in two hours. For the younger students, this can be quite a daunting task as they have to work effectively and efficiently for two solid hours. Teaching them how to utilize their time well is an essential aspect of the whole problem-solving process and having students practice each step in a limited amount of time will be extremely valuable to them when faced with a complete booklet write.

The second practice problem, urbanization, will be due on December 8. The two videos included with this newsletter should give your students an overall understanding of the variety of issues that urban area leaders face as population increases and more people in the world move into cities.

If you have students competing in scenario writing or performance, now is a good time to get them started so they are not rushing to complete their submissions at the last moment. Please note that the CmPS Project Proposal is due to me on November 19.

I hope to see all of you at our next zoom meeting for coaches on **November 7 at 7 p.m.** A zoom link will be sent, along with more information closer to the date. Hope to see you there!

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## CMPS ELEMENTS FOR PROJECT COMPLETION

### Project Elements

There are three elements for project completion. Each element builds on or supplements the previous element. All three elements are required for the International Conference. Note: although certain supporting materials are not required for our State Bowl, they will be required for IC if the project qualifies for IC.

### CmPS Project Elements

- Project Proposal
- Project Report
- Supporting Materials
  - ✓ Portfolio
  - ✓ Promotional Video (not required for State Bowl)
  - ✓ Display
  - ✓ Interview (not required for State Bowl)

Due to the Affiliate Director John Buissink on **November 17** is the Project Proposal worth 200 points.

The project Proposal is a planning document that captures the team's original analysis of the chosen topic and community, along with the students' anticipated actions. The goal of the proposal is to capture the problem solving process at the inception of the project. It serves as a framework for the project. The Proposal allows students to:

- outline the project vision;
- define goals;
- specify deadlines;
- develop a plan for the project work; and
- demonstrate the application of problem-solving.

As the project progresses, it is natural for the project to evolve and for students to repeat steps of the problem-solving process. The Proposal sets students up for success by having them develop a plan before taking action. It is important for evaluators to see this snapshot as it allows for greater understanding of the students' application of the problem-solving process.

There is no need for the Proposal to be re-written or modified once it is created. (The actions, adaptations, adjustments, and evolution of the project are captured in the Project Report and Supporting Materials.)

The Project Proposal is one document, written before taking action with a maximum of 2,000 words.

The Project Report is one document, written during/after taking action. Max of 3500 words. Other than including the UP, only aspects of the Proposal that have been revised should be specifically included. This document is due to Affiliate Director John Buissink on **February 16**. For more information about the requirements of this document, review the information on WAFPS website [here](#).

## ZOOM MEETINGS FOR COACHES



Our next zoom meeting for coaches will be hosted by our Evaluation Director, Ann Foreyt. She will be discussing what went right and what didn't. Bring your questions! We'll see you on Nov. 7!

## 2023-24 REGISTRATION FEES

GIPS Teams \$195

GIPS Individual \$120

Scenario Writing \$55

Scenario Performance \$55

CmPS Individual \$120

CmPS Team \$140 for 2-4 person team, \$170 for 5-8 person team, \$200 for 9-15 person team, and \$250 for over 15 team members.

Continuation of a CmPS Project from prior year \$30

A \$15 late fee per team or individual will be assessed after November 30.

Register online at [wafps.org](http://wafps.org)

## Important Dates

2023-24

Nov. 17: CmPS Project Proposal Due

Dec. 4: Last day to register & be evaluated for PPII

Dec. 8: PPII Due Date, Topic: Urbanization

Jan. 16: Scenario Writing Due Date

Feb. 1: QP Due Date, Topic: Antarctica

Feb. 5: Scenario Performance Due Date

Feb. 16: CmPS Projects Due

March 4: State Bowl Registration Due

March 20-22: State Bowl, Warm Beach, Topic: Autonomous Transportation

June 5-9, 2024 International Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana



### FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

It was not long ago, when almost two-thirds of the world lived in rural areas. Today about 60% of the world is clustered in urban areas. This rapid shift in population, especially in third world countries, requires world leaders as well as local leaders to deal with issues directly related to urban planning, infrastructure and safety. Your students should consider all the different categories of problems and solutions that may be included in this topic.

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

**Next Up in December: Scenario Writing and Scenario Performance and more...**

*“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” – Thomas A. Edison*