



World Affairs Councils of America



National High School Essay Contest 2012

Republic of Azerbaijan

Ten Student Winners will participate in Study Tour of Azerbaijan!



Essay Topic

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has planned an official visit to Azerbaijan. You are Secretary Clinton's Foreign Policy Advisor responsible for Azerbaijan and have been tasked to write the briefing materials for her trip. The briefing materials can be no longer than 1000 words maximum. The materials must be succinct and to the point. They must include:

1. An assessment of whether/how the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic of 1918-1920 influences Azerbaijan today in terms of democracy, rights of women, and foreign policy;
2. A discussion of how Azerbaijan's geographic location has influenced the country's security and economic policies;
3. An explanation of where the strategic interests of the U.S. and Azerbaijan converge and diverge;
4. A summary of perspectives for extending Azerbaijan's geopolitical influence beyond the South Caucasus in light of its leading regional position and its socio-economic development; and
5. The top 3 most important issues in US-Azeri relations and your recommendations for US policy on the trip.

Resource Materials

<http://www.tnwac.org/programs/high-school-essay-contests/2012-azerbaijan-high-school-essay-contest/>

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2012

To Apply

Submit your essay to the Tennessee World Affairs Council by emailing it in a .doc attachment to PatRyan@TNWAC.org Three regional winners will be selected and will then be eligible to win one of the ten spots on the Study Tour to Azerbaijan.

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