

Semester Final Exhibition: Model UN Conference on Human Rights, Global Health, and the Environment.

Overview

Following the Second World War, the victorious world powers established the United Nations, an international organization dedicated to promoting world peace and addressing global problems through international cooperation. Over the past seven decades the UN has worked resolutely to achieve these critical objectives. Today, all but a handful of the world's nations are members of the UN's major legislative body, the General Assembly. This Final Exhibition provides you the opportunity to participate in a model UN Conference in which you research, analyze, and debate some of the most pressing issues facing the civilized world.

Working with a partner from your core rotation of your own choosing, you will represent a single nation during a model UN Conference. Your partnership (called a **delegation**) will select a particular nation from an approved list through a lottery. Each delegation will then perform extensive research on the nation they represent, and each delegation member (called a **delegate**) will prepare a **Background Country Profile** summarizing his or her findings.

Each **delegate** will also participate in separate meetings of two of the following special UN committees: **a) the UN Human Rights Council, b) The World Health Organization, and/or c) the UN Environmental Assembly.** The objective of these committees is to discuss, analyze, and debate **several major issues** facing the world within their special areas of expertise. These committees are also responsible for formulating, negotiating, and drafting **resolutions** that set forth the delegates' agreements on what should be done to resolve these issues. The specific issues to be examined by each committee will be selected by each rotation from a list appearing on a separate document.

In preparation for the committee meetings each delegate must perform research and prepare a **Position Paper** stating your nation's views on the designated global issue. In addition, each delegate must also prepare **1 Draft Resolution** describing your nation's proposals for addressing that issue. Detailed guidelines on resolution writing will be introduced during a later class session.

Committee meetings will last approximately 1 hour, and will be held during the **finals periods on Wednesday, May 29th (7B & 8B) and Friday, May 31st (6B).** Mr. Kaufman will serve as the primary chairperson to help facilitate these meetings. In addition, one or more co-chairpersons may be selected from the delegates at large.

Required Elements

Each student delegate participating in the UN Conference must complete all of the following:

1. Research and write a **Background Country Profile** which discusses the following topics:
 - a) a brief historical overview;
 - b) culture (i.e., language, religion, major ethnic groups);
 - c) physical geography and natural resources (e.g., park system, wildlife, noteworthy environmental conditions);
 - d) economy;
 - e) political system and current government; and
 - f) allies, trade partners, and membership in international organizations.
2. Collaborate with his/her partner to research and write **2 Position Papers** regarding the global issues being addressed by the 2 committees. **(Each delegate must write 1 Position Paper.)**
3. Collaborate with his/her partner to prepare **2 Draft Resolutions** for use during the committee meetings. **(Each delegate must write 1 Draft Resolution.)** These Resolutions must be based on the same 2 global issues that are the subject of the delegates' Position Papers.
4. Partners are expected to assist each other in performing necessary background research on their country and selected global issues; however, **each student must independently write his or her own Background Country Profile, 1 Position Paper, and 1 Draft Resolution.**
5. Participate actively in the committee **discussions and debates on all issues.**
6. Wear **Appropriate "Business Casual" Attire** during the committee meetings. Also, each delegation must prepare a **Country Placard** to be used during all discussions and debates.

Evaluation

Delegates will be evaluated on the basis of their completion of each of the required written elements as well as their active participation in the committee meetings.