

# MODEL UNITED NATIONS

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF MUN



# WHAT IS MUN?

Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about civics, current events, and diplomacy. Students research countries, take on roles as diplomats, tackle international issues, debate, and develop solutions to world problems.

# PURPOSE OF MUN

- Simulation of the real UN to educate/compete
- Learn about real world diplomacy
- Involves reading, researching, diplomacy, and writing
- Improve debate and speech skills
- Get involved in the global community

# COMMITTEE SELECTION

- The MUN, as with the real UN, is divided up into committees, each dealing with specific issues.
- Committees will determine the general topics, as well as the specific issues, explored during a conference.

# TIMELINE OF A CONFERENCE

## 1. Pre-Conference Work

- Research!
  - Position Papers
  - Delegate Information

## 2. First Conference Phase

- Opening Ceremony
- Opening Speeches
- Merging
- Getting Approved

## 3. Second Conference Phase

- Formal Session (Debating)
  - This is the bulk of the conference and is where all the other work comes together

## 4. Closing Ceremony

- Awards
- Reflection

# RESEARCHING

- A delegate's goal at this stage is essentially to find out everything possible about the issue before their committee, and how it relates to the country they represent.
- During this stage delegates perform preparatory work by writing a **Position Paper**.
  - Restates the issue
  - Describes past conflict
  - Relates the delegate's position to the issue
  - Proposes a solution to the problem

# STRUCTURE OF DEBATE

- General Speakers' List
  - Primary Speakers: Delegates decide what topic to tackle.
  - Secondary Speakers: Delegates discuss how to solve the problem.
- Caucuses
  - Unmoderated
    - Unformal debate: Group work and resolution writing
  - Moderated
    - Formal debate: Debate on specific details and issues regarding the topic
- Closure of Debate
- Voting Procedure

# AWARDS/REFLECTION

- Awards Given
  - Best Position Paper
  - Honorable Mention
  - Outstanding Delegate
  - Best Delegate
- Reflection
  - Ask yourself
    - How effective was my country during committee?
    - What could I have done differently throughout debate that could of benefit my country?
    - Did I fully express my country's relevance towards the issue while debating?