

Model United Nations

Essential understanding:

To be able to ensure human rights for everyone, we must first understand the systems of power that control people. Model United Nations is a great way for students to explore the most pressing issues of today's global society. Model United Nations will serve to create tomorrow's leaders through rigorous practice of research, debate, and speaking skills.



Overview *Model United Nations is a great way for students to learn about politics, international aid, war, and policy formation. It is an excellent way to practice critical thinking skills, debate, oratorical skills, and persuasive writing. It is a simulation of the way the United Nations functions, and also incorporates the tenets of Social Justice.*

Guiding questions:

How can we prepare for the Berkeley MUN conference in March? What are some pressing advocacy issues that we can help bring to light in our school?

What kind of public speaking and organizational skills do you need to practice in order to successfully advocate for your assigned country?

Lessons

_____ Fundraising/Scholarships

_____ What is Model UN?

_____ Human Rights in a Modern Age

_____ Debate and Oratorical Skills

Group Work Due every Wednesday

_____ Presentations of Position Papers.

_____ Debriefing of delegation committee's topics and research.

Individual Work

_____ 1. First Draft Position Papers 2/8

_____ 2. Final Draft Position Papers 2/15

_____ 3. Mock Conference/Position Paper Presentations 2/22

_____ 4. Final Changes Before the Conference! 2/28

_____ 5. Human Rights Watch, Current Events, Global Affairs analysis and discussion.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

_____ 6. Warm-ups: **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Assessment March 1-3

Your participation in the conference will be your assessment grade.