

MODEL U.N. Briefing Folder

Expand each category as needed

Delegate Information

College Delegate: _____ Country: _____

High School: _____

High School Advisor: _____

Country Facts

Population

Geographic Area

Official Language

Other Languages

Ethnic Background

Principal Religion(s)

Former Colonial Status

Topography and Climate

Neighboring Countries

Head of Government and title

(note that the leader of the country, what you need to know may not be the same as the technical head of government, such as in the United Kingdom).

Capital City

Type of Government/economic system

(be honest/careful to understand the genuine type of government).

Literacy Rate

Life Expectancy

Average Per Capita Income

Primary Resources

Major Exports

Major Imports

Unique Features not listed above such as geographical info (island nation, for example) or perhaps it is a bi-national state:

Please Note:

- Each heading for the remainder of the folder should be least one paragraph even if your nation seems not to be concerned. One way to work with this issue is to think like your caucus or bloc!
- Attempt to be specific/vague generalities will not help you!
- Turnitin.com will be required on all sections below. I will send you codes.
- Come see me for examples of good folders from previous years, with the original names excluded.
- If there is overlap in folder, you do not have to repeat but indicate area where information may be found. Educated guessing is sometimes acceptable. Ask me or the Big Three if you are confused on terms or how to answer questions.

Political Fact Sheet General

Voting caucus and groups in U.N: Mention/Discuss several to give an idea of where you "fit" in the world. No need for giant lists of memberships in international organizations.

Primary friends and allies.

Primary enemies and adversaries.

Attitude toward the United States of America and/or First World.

Attitude toward the United Nations.

Political General

Major perceived threats to security (discuss in detail unless covered elsewhere)

Other political problems which you consider important.

Attitude toward UN role in peacekeeping/mediation/peace enforcement.

***I need these two sections listed above completed by February 11, the week of the First Debate-you will thank me for this! They must be done in your own words and submitted to Turnitin.com, as will the remaining part of the folder due later.**

In the sections below, your area of the world should be as complete as possible-it's your neighborhood!

Europe

Voting Record on key European issues: two or three major votes are fine if it is clear what the vote indicates about your country's position. Use this pattern in subsequent area votes.

Relationship/attitude on Western Europe: immigration, European Union, former colonial connections, trade relationships, independence movements, terrorism.

Relationship/attitude on Central/Eastern Europe: CIS membership, ties to Russia and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, energy from these areas.

What was your country's status during the Cold War? Were you a member of NATO or the Warsaw Pact or non-aligned?

Any special concerns not listed above:

Middle East

Voting record on key Middle East issues:

Relationship/Attitude toward the Israeli/Palestinian/Arab Peace Process:

Relationship/Attitude toward Middle Eastern "Terrorism" or extreme movements:

Relationship/Attitude on "radical" states (Iran or Syria for example):

Other Middle Eastern issues not listed above:

Africa

Voting record on key African votes:

Attitude and policy on civil wars/genocide in region:

Attitude towards relief programs from the UN or other agencies/countries:

Attitude and policy on other African issues(i.e. A.I.D.S., human rights, resource issues):

Other African issues not listed above:

Asia

Voting record on key Asian issues:

Policy on China:

Policy on Japan:

Policy on India-Pakistan competition:

Attitude about US-Coalition operations in Afghanistan/Pakistan:

Other Asian issues not listed above:

Latin America/Central America

Record on key L. A. votes in the U.N:

General attitude toward US involvement in area:

General attitude toward revolutionary/leftist movements and governments:

Attitude and policy on Drug Traffic:

Arms Control and Disarmament

Arms limitation agreements and nuclear testing:

Security of nuclear weapons in former Soviet Republics or other countries:

Chemical and Biological Weapons:

Regulation of conventional arms sales:

Attitude on confronting terrorism:

Economic Issues

Food status and your solutions to world hunger:

Blame for economic state of Less-developed-countries (LCDs) and solutions you favor for developing poorer nations:

Attitude towards international trade agreements like WTO and regulation of Transnational Corporations:

Stand on international debt and institutions such as the IMF and World Bank:

Social Issues

Human Rights, who are the worst offenders in your nation's opinion and why:

Is your country subject to charges of Human Rights violations? What are they and how do you defend yourself?

Attitudes toward UN role with the following issues:

Drugs:

Refugees:

Equality of Women:

Population Control:

Racial Discrimination:

AIDS or other threatening diseases:

Other social issues you consider important:

Legal Issues

Position on UN declarations/Resolutions that are now part of international law i.e. Climate Control Treaty:

Legal rights of Ethnic and Religious minorities:

Terrorism and Hostages:

Delinquency of UN dues/UN Budget:

Environmental issues:

Limitations on sovereignty: