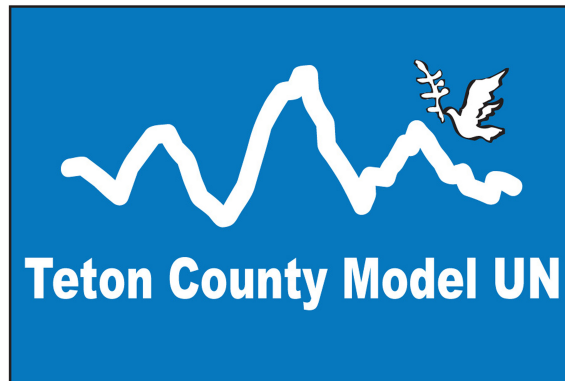


TCMUN PREP SUGGESTIONS



Lesson 1: Introduction to Teton County Model United Nations

Goal: Enable teachers and other trainers (e.g. parents, community members and MUN club leaders) to prepare Teton County Model UN (TCMUN) participants about the logistics and importance of TCMUN, specifically:

- The importance of TCMUN as a vehicle for learning about today's political, social, environmental, and economic issues and developing skills to address them, outside of the traditional classroom environment;
- What to expect during the conference;
- What work should be done prior to TCMUN, including learning key vocabulary;
- The use of TCMUN's blog, which has information to help both students and teachers prepare for the conference and provides a platform for students to discuss conference related issues amongst themselves (ex: best way to write a position paper.)
<http://interconnections21.edublogs.org/>

Introduction: Watch the TCMUN video: <http://vimeo.com/78436369>

Content:

- TCMUN simulates the real United Nations.
- TCMUN '14 will take place on November 17– 18 at Jackson Hole High School. A community reception—open to the public-- will be held at the Center for the Arts on Sunday, November 16, from 6:30-9 PM. It will feature a keynote address by Dr. Bruce Jones (more info here), followed by a book signing by Dr. Jones and conference registration by the TCMUN student delegates in the CFA lobby.
- The conference will be comprised of seven committees:
 - The Security Council
 - General Assembly Plenary
 - General Assembly First Committee (Disarmament and Security)
 - General Assembly Second Committee (Economic and Financial)

- General Assembly Third Committee (Social and Humanitarian)
- Human Rights council
- Historical Security Council focusing on the Congo Crisis, 1960-1961
- Each committee will debate two assigned topics relating to its mandate. For TCMUN '14 topics, see <http://interconnections21.edublogs.org/prep/2014-committees-topics/>. Students will represent delegates from different countries in these committees.
- The Security Council will have 15 student delegates with five representing countries that are permanent Council members with veto power; the other five committees will each have about 25-55 student delegates.
- Before the conference, students will research their topics and how they relate to their country, writing a position paper that explains their stance on each topic.
- During conference, students will debate their topics from the point of view of their country, ultimately creating resolutions that address each topic.
- TCMUN's three committee sessions will be spread out over two days, with the first two sessions on the first day and final session on the second day. After the final session, all delegates will meet in Jackson Hole High School's auditorium for the General Assembly meeting.
- During the General Assembly, all delegates will vote on every resolution that has been passed in committee sessions.
- TCMUN 2014 will culminate in a closing ceremony on the afternoon of November 18. During closing, the most outstanding delegate from each committee and the most outstanding position paper from each school will be recognized.

For more in depth information visit the following sections of the TCMUN Blog:

- Structure of TCMUN
- TCMUN Schedule
- Timeline

Important Vocabulary:

Committee: During most of the TCMUN proceedings, the conference is broken down into seven committees composed of 15-55 student delegates each. During committee, delegates will debate the topics assigned to them prior to the conference. Each committee is facilitated by a chair and co-chair. Chairs are generally teachers or other educators with in-depth Model UN knowledge. Co-chairs are students who have participated in Model UN in the past and will be prepared to help new students.

Background Guide: A document given to each student that will outline the history of the topics that student will debate during conference.

Position Paper: A two-page paper each delegate will write describing their country's stance on the topics they are assigned.

Resolution: A document passed by a UN body that focuses a specific issue. Delegates will debate their topics, and then work together to write resolutions. Once resolutions are written and

edited by the chair, they will be voted on. Often, more than one resolution will be written or passed for each topic debated.

Western Business Attire: Formal wear that all delegates are required to wear to conference.

- **For Woman:** Dress slacks, a button up blouse, and conservative shoes (no sneakers or sandals). Skirts or dresses that go at least to the knee are also acceptable.
- **For Men:** Dress slacks (no jeans), button-up shirt, formal shoes (no sneakers or sandals). Sports jackets, ties and suits optional but encouraged.

Assessment: Quiz for Prep Suggestion #1.
