

WESTERN MUN PRESENTS

HOW TO WRITE A POSITION PAPER



PURPOSE OF A POSITION PAPER

1	Establish a connection between your country and the topic at hand
2	To present the solutions and ideas that the delegate has (as a representative to their country's wants and demands) and would wish to bring to light in the international community
3	To portray a delegate's knowledge of the topic at hand and its relevance to their country.

OUTLINE!



1. TOP OF THE PAGE

In the following format:

- i) Topic: e.g., The American gov. is hiding 5 different types of alien species
- ii) Country: e.g., Wakanda
- iii) Council: e.g., Security Council

2. INTRODUCTION

Should Include:

- a. Who you are and what you stand for (i.e., the delegation you are representing and its core values)
- b. General foreign policy and stances of the issue, OR why you lack a stance (i.e., you are neutral to the issue at hand)
 - rarely will you find a case where a country has NO stance. Instead, they may just not be actively involved. It is your responsibility as the delegate to find any laws/treaties/agreements/policies etc. related to the topic to determine your country's stance.

3. CONNECTION TO THE ISSUE

- a. Direct or indirect connection
 - indirect: through support of other countries, funding, personal historical similarities (within the last two decades of the issue at hand - be sure not to go TOO far back in history)

- b. Present day actions and ideologies to the issue

4. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

- a. Instances where the same ideology/issue was present.
- b. What actions have been implemented?
- e.g., Organizations, treaties, support, sanctions, etc.
- c. In the past how were these issues overcome (cannot be from a significantly different time period)

5. WHAT IS YOUR SOLUTION?

- a. In the future, what do you hope to see done?
 - How do you want the international community to act?
 - How does your country plan to approach the issue?
- b. Can be indirect or direct

ADDITIONAL NOTES

"CANADA BELIEVES..."

Your Position Paper must be written in the perspective of your country (no first person language !!!)

USE REAL FACTS

Anything historical facts, statistics, or other information you use in your Position Paper **MUST** come from credible, verifiable sources.



HOW MANY PAPERS?

Each conference will indicate how many of the topics you will need to write position papers for

YOUR TURN!

POSITION PAPER DRILL!

Using a blank piece of paper, choose a country and write a short (1 page max) position paper on the following topic:

UNGA - Safeguarding Human Rights of Persons Displaced by Climate Change.

You may use your phones for research

Time limit: 15 minutes :)

THANK YOU!

