

# High School Model UN with Civitas

## (For 2023-2024 school year)

### Before the General Assembly Session:

- 1. Let Civitas know which Model UN session you/your group wants to attend by Wednesday, October 4 (before the October 7<sup>th</sup> country draft!).**

We are planning 3 in-person sessions, two on **Saturday, Nov. 18** and one on **Saturday, December 2**. Each day will have a morning session from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and on Nov. 19 there will be a 1:30-4:30 session—all at Webster University. Each school chooses one session to attend. You can email Stephanie your session preference at [gavinstephanie89@gmail.com](mailto:gavinstephanie89@gmail.com) or text/call her at 314-397-6158.
- 2. Encourage and remind students of deadlines.**

Teachers do not need to attend the Country Draft or Model UN session/sessions their students attend, although they are welcome to. We always plan a guest speaker and fun activity before actually drafting countries.
- 3. Make a country wish list.**

Students should come up with at least two countries they would like to represent at the MUN session, preferably before the country draft. Students may represent a country solo or with one or two/three other students. Each country gets only one vote at the actual MUN session, so if students work together, they will need to collaborate and agree on voting at the session.
- 4. Register and attend the country draft. (Also at Webster University)**

**Sat., Oct. 7, 2023** is the date of this year's country draft, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. If possible, at least one member from your group should register for the draft on our website, show up about 15 minutes early; confer with the other delegates from their school (if they haven't already pre-selected a few nations) about which countries they'd like to represent; and then we draw school names from a hat, and everyone gets to pick their countries in the order drawn. We will also review the delegate handbook with resolution-writing information, located on our website, at the country draft. If your group is too far away to attend the country draft, a list of countries can be sent to Stephanie at [gavinstephanie89@gmail.com](mailto:gavinstephanie89@gmail.com).
- 5. Research country.**

Once the draft is complete and countries are assigned to your school, students select the ones they want to represent. Students don't need to know everything about their country, but obviously the more they know the better. They should know enough to be comfortable playing the role of ambassador to the U.N. They should know where their country is on a map, who their allies & foes are, what the latest news is, as well as cultural traditions of their country. There are question worksheets in the delegate handbook to get them started, if interested.
- 6. Write a resolution/preview resolutions for the session (optional but strongly encouraged).**

A resolution should address a current human rights violation, an economic concern, and/or a political problem, either in a student's country or another country. If students are representing countries that are fairly stable, politically and economically, it is best to write a resolution addressing a problem outside their country. A Civitas staff member can meet with a school class or club for a resolution-writing help session, or students can write a resolution on their own using samples in the delegate handbook and our on-line resources at [www.civitas-stl.com](http://www.civitas-stl.com). Any resolutions submitted will be posted online before the session for all delegates to preview, so they need to be sent to us (digitally) by midnight the Tuesday before the appropriate Model UN session. Students can also send a resolution draft to us via email for feedback/questions before submitting a final one. We prefer resolutions to be in the format of the examples in the delegate handbook and on-line.

## **7. Officially Sign Up to Attend the Model U.N. Session.**

The actual Model U.N. sessions this year will be two on **Saturday, November 18 and one on Saturday, December 2**. There is a limit of (approximately) 15 students from one school at any one session, so if your school has more students than that wanting to participate, they should divide into two separate sessions. **All delegates must sign up on the Civitas website before their session**, even if they are sharing a country. They must know which country they are representing when they sign up, so the Google Form for the MUN sessions will not be available until the week after the Country Draft.

### At the General Assembly:

#### **1. Arrive a bit early.**

We recommend that students arrive at least 15 minutes before the session begins to get settled. Dress is business casual. We will provide a copy of the resolutions, a voting placard (to borrow), and a pen.

#### **2. Amend, debate, and pass resolutions.**

At their Model UN session, students represent their country by asking questions, suggesting amendments to resolutions, providing their country's perspective in discussions, and voting on resolutions. They will not be an American, but a delegate of their researched country that day. (Unless someone from your school wants to represent the United States! That is definitely an option and it is always good to have someone role-playing the American perspective at MUN sessions.)

#### **3. Have fun.**

The point of Model UN is to learn something, meet students from other schools, and have a good time. Remember it's not a competition, but a dialogue about problems in the world.

### After the General Assembly Session:

#### **1. Discuss the day's outcome.**

A brief wrap-up will highlight the progress made and the resolutions passed.

#### **2. Civitas has many other events scheduled throughout the year for interested students to attend. Students who attend enough events to become "Game Changers" during a school year are eligible to apply for the CIVITAS (paid) summer internship.**