Requirements for Position Papers

Position papers are mandatory for all delegates attending WMHSMUN, as they demonstrate the amount of research and preparation delegates have done in advance of committee. Further, it is our hope that these papers contribute to delegates’ research and writing abilities within the realm of Model UN as well as in their academic careers.

A position paper should be between two and three pages long, broken between a brief introduction of the country and roughly one page long sections addressing each of the topics covered in the background guide. Each of these sections should cover three main questions:

1. What is the country’s history with this topic--what actions this has country taken in the past, both domestically and internationally, to deal with the issue?

2. How does the topic currently affect the country in question, with evidence including statistics or quotes?

3. What is the country’s position and policy regarding these issues, and how can the topic be addressed while furthering the interests of the country?

Position papers should also include any other relevant information on the topics.

Papers should include a cover page with the name of the committee, the country or position represented, the names of the delegates, and the school they represent. Additionally, they should contain a bibliography, preferably in MLA format, to give credit where it is due. If there are any questions, delegates are encouraged to contact their committee Director.