

MODEL UNITED NATIONS
SUMMER ASSIGNMENT
TOPIC: VULNERABLE CHILDREN
Due Sep 7

CONFERENCE DATE: 11-15 SEPTEMBER, 2017
ROOM 101

COMMITTEE: UNICEF



TASK:

During the summer we will be preparing for our first in class conference. During the last week of the school year you should all stop by room 101 and select your country for the conference. As the summer progresses your job is to prepare your research and country statement. This will be done in various ways but primarily through the writing of a position paper and through the reading one or more of the books we will recommend including *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah (about child soldiers) and *I am Nujood Age 10 and Divorced* by Delphine Minoui (about child marriage). Both of these are available as free PDFs on the Google Classroom page (4tw5ps - *This is a different code from the library conference*)

We encourage you to develop an understanding of the problems in your country but stress the efforts your government is making in trying to fix these problems both within your own country and in your region or the world. Look at NGOs (non governmental organizations) that work with children, as well as corporations and foundations that address these issues.

SIGN UP FOR GOOGLE CLASSROOM (CODE = 4tw5ps - *This is a different code from the library conference*) Feel free to post questions or comments there. We are happy to look at drafts of your papers if you want to share them with us via Google Docs at dragavanis@gmail.com and pbaker@taehs.org.

Position Paper Outline (THIS IS NOT AN ESSAY. THERE IS NO INTRODUCTION OR CONCLUSION)

- PARAGRAPH 1: Your country's statement regarding their general policy positions and why it is important.
- PARAGRAPH 2: Statistics, quotes and other supporting details that address the problem and introduce the solutions
- PARAGRAPH 3: ***The most important part of the paper and by far the longest*** Suggested resolutions. NGOs, corporations, government policies that address the problems and who else this could help.

Position papers should be no more than 2 pages and must include works cited. Under no circumstances will plagiarism be tolerated as you would get the school disqualified from international competitions. We have attached sample position papers here to help you out.

Good luck all and do not hesitate to ask for help whenever you need!