

The United Nations



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October 24th is United Nations Day! YAY!

Maybe you know the **United Nations** from their famous '**goodwill ambassadors**' like BTS (1), Angelina Jolie (2), Audrey Hepburn (3), and many more. These are amazing people from sports, movies, music, art, and more that **support** the United Nations and the world's children. But how? Why? What is the United Nations, or the U.N. for short?



The U.N. is an **international** group for **world peace** and **security**. What does '**united**' mean? It means to be together as one. For example, the United States of the America (U.S.A.) or the United Kingdom (U.K.) or the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.). What does '**nation**' mean? For us, a nation is the same as a **country**. For example, Japan, Mexico, or Norway. So 'united nations' mean countries that are together as one team! The **leaders** of each country join each other so let's work together too!

About the U.N.

Mission: International peace & security, international **cooperation**

Founded: 1945

Headquarters: New York City (& Geneva, Nairobi, Vienna, and The Hague)

Members: 193 member states, 2 **observer** states

Official Languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish

The U.N. has many levels for different world problems. I think you know some of them already! For example, **UNESCO** protects special **nature**, buildings, and cultural art. Angelina Jolie works with **UNHCR** to help **refugees**. They are people who have lost their homes because of sad and scary events. Audrey Hepburn helped **UNICEF**, the group that helps children in **need**. BTS gave a speech to the **General Assembly**, where all the countries have meetings together. My friend's mother worked for the **World Bank**, which has **headquarters** in Washington D.C. We all know the **WHO** because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The **World Food Programme** tries to **feed** the world, **etc.**



Model United Nations

Model U.N.

About M.U.N.

Mission: simulation of UN work using UN rules

Started: Oxford University in U.K., then Harvard University in U.S.A.

Conferences: all over the world!

Participants: high school & university students*

Languages: English*

Fashion: Western business clothing (**business suits**)



Model U.N. is a chance for high school and university students to practice **international diplomacy**. That means practice working as **representatives** of different countries. Model U.N. is an extracurricular activity. That means it is usually outside of class time. It is all a **simulation**, but students **research**, write, then discuss the **opinions** of their 'country' on world problems. For example: **climate** change, **war**, **crime**, **LGBT+** issues, **human rights**, children's **health**, women's rights, the **economy**, space **technology**, etc. It is a great chance to think **deeply** about various world problems and different countries' **perspectives**. It is hard but **rewarding**!

Keika Girls at PRIMUN 2019

Pacific Rim International Model United Nations Conference

Before Coronavirus, Keika girls would go to the Model U.N. event here in Tokyo in March. It is called PRIMUN and it is focused on students from the **Pacific**. Model U.N. is always in English so this is a great chance to practice high level, **specialized** English. Everyone wears a suit and represents a country. They try their best to think like that country's leader to help people. Everyone talks and listens together in official meetings. They fight for what is right! **Keika English & International Exchange Club** would love to go again one day. **Please come, let's try international diplomacy together!**



Advice from a MUN Judge 2013-2022

Model United Nations in the U.S.A.

My Kalamazoo College best friend Diana has been **involved** with Model U.N. since she was in high school. Then, she even became a Model U.N. **judge** in college to keep helping students. She watched over the big meetings at the **conferences**. Let's ask Diana's **experience** and **advice**!



'I work with the Mid American Global Education Council (MAGEC) and we run three different conferences throughout the year. I have worked with the organization since 2013, and I was a student at the conferences in 2012 and 2013. I recommend Model UN to students so they can learn to debate and improve their public speaking. My favorite part is challenging myself and students to learn about the perspectives of other countries!'

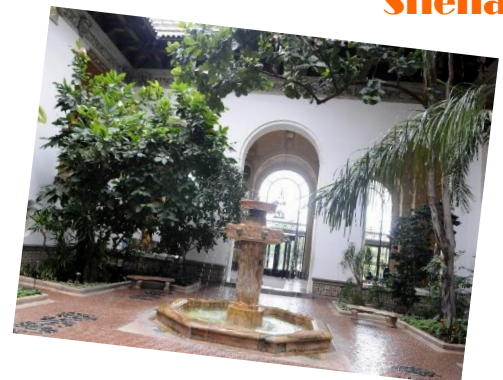
Sheila at MOAS 2013

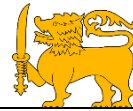
Model Organization of American States



The **Organization of American States** is like the United Nations for North, Central, and South America. Model OAS is like Model UN for the Americas. When I was in my last year of high school, I joined Model OAS. I was so, so **nervous** for the conference in a **fancy** hotel in Washington D.C. and in the beautiful OAS building. I also had to go to a **secondhand store** to find a **cheap** suit. I speak English but I was still so scared! Luckily, I did not have to talk in the big meetings or represent a country. My friends and I were the **computer room team**! We fixed the papers that the other students ('countries') would talk about during meetings. I was happy to help **behind-the-scenes**. I think that is the best for me. **You can still help the world and be yourself! Please try your best!**

XOXO,
Sheila





World Flags Fun Facts

There are 193 countries in the United Nations. Let's learn about some of their flags!



Popular colours

The most **popular** colours are red, white, and blue; like the U.S.A. 77% of flags have red, 72% have white, and 53% have blue.

Many African flags use red, yellow, and green. This represents African **ancestry, wealth,** and nature. An example is Senegal.

Only 2 countries have purple in their flag. The flag of Dominica has a small purple bird, and the small rainbow on the Nicaragua flag has purple in it.



Flag families

All **Nordic** country's flags have a cross that represents Christianity. Norway is one example.

Arabic countries in West Asia & North Africa have similar designs & colours. They all have a white stripe in the middle, and most of them also have red, green, and black.

The Asian country of Kuwait is one example.



Popular symbols

The four most common symbols on flags are:



There are 59 flags with stars. Some represent **constellations**, like on the flags of Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, and Brazil. These flags all have the Southern Cross- a constellation in the southern hemisphere.

Another popular star symbol is the **crescent moon** and star. You can see it on the flags of Turkey, Pakistan, Libya, Algeria and more. It is the symbol of **Islam**- the most popular religion in all these countries.

Similar Flags

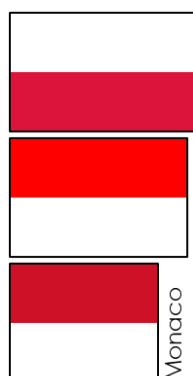
Liechtenstein and Haiti used the same flag for years without knowing!



They realised when they met at the 1936 Olympics.



Liechtenstein added a crown, and Haiti added their **coat of arms**.



Poland
Indonesia
Monaco



Ireland
Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)



Romania
Chad



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World Problems in Children's Movies!

Here are some movie **recommendations**! They are movies from every **zone** of the world. They represent many world problems. The U.N. fights these bad things! The movies are for children, so they are **family friendly**. BUT please check the **topics** in my guide to see if they are OK for you!



The Sound of Music (1965)

Europe

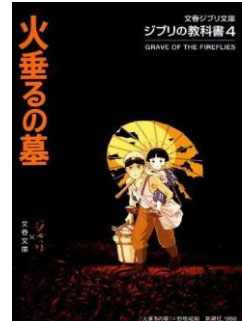
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Storm Boy (1976)

Oceania

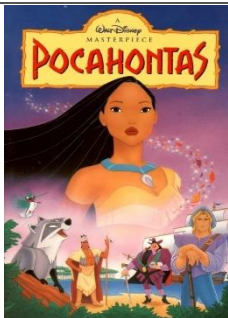
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Grave of the Fireflies (1988)

Asia

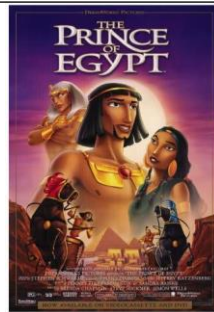
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Pocahontas (1995)

North America

[I, K, N, A, B, F]



The Prince of Egypt (1998)

Africa

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Moana (2016)

Polynesia

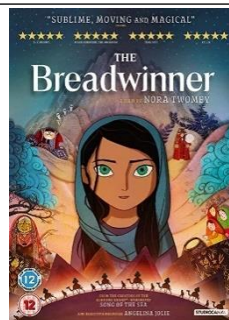
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Zootopia (2016)

Animal World

[A, N, O]



The Breadwinner (2017)

Middle East

[C, F, J, M]



Encanto (2021)

South America

[L, D]

World Problems in Children's Movies!

WARNINGS!!!!!!!!

A. discrimination, **B.** genocide, **C.** war, **D.** refugees, **E.** slavery, **F.** violence against women, **G.** climate change, **H.** poverty, **I.** violence against indigenous people, **J.** violence against children, **K.** colonization, **L.** civil war, **M.** religious fighting, **N.** prejudice, **O.** violence against animals

Sports Festival Photos!

