

## **DJISMUN XI YA PREPARATION: Researching**

### **Researching**

The first thing you should do as soon as you get your delegation/country is begin your research.

1. Begin by choosing which topic is the most relevant to your delegation, this can be done by doing a few google searches on the topics.
2. Whichever of the 3 topics seems the most relevant should be the topic of choice.
3. Focus your research on this topic; however, don't neglect the other topic/s. Research the basic information and updates about the other topic/s so you can also participate in the debate on the other resolutions.

What to look out for when researching:

- Exact stance/position/point of view, regarding the committee topic(s), of the country you are representing
- The causes and effects of the issue(s)
- STATISTICS
- Policies/protocols/policies/rules in place to combat the issue by your country, other countries, or/and organizations
- Public opinion on the issue
- The effect of the issue on allies, enemies, and bordering countries
- Constitutional policy (<https://www.constituteproject.org/>)

It is good to have all your findings, or the important facts and statistics listed as bullet points on a document. The information you have collected can aid you in debating and asking wise points of information. Remember, research during the debate time is prohibited so it is strongly advised that you collect all the information and statistics you need before the debate.

Showing you have done research and that you are actually knowledgeable about the issue shows to your chairs and the rest of your committee that you have put a lot of effort. You should make sure to do your research, as it will boost your confidence in the committee and is very valuable to your speeches and points of information.

[Position Papers](#)

The position paper is probably the best thing to do to boost your chances of success in your committee. It summarizes all the research you have done about the topic into one essay. Kindly note that submitting at least one position paper in YA is optional, however it is a tremendous aid in gathering all your research in a summarized essay. In truth, it does so much more:

- It puts you in contention for a Best Position Paper award
- It is a requirement for the Best Delegate and Honorable Mention awards
- It is a document that has information on:
  - \* Facts and statistics on the issue for speeches and POIs
  - \* Stance towards the issue
  - \* Policies in place
  - \* Potential solutions

The format of a position paper goes as follows:

- A position paper is a page long
- Paragraph form ( 4 - 5 paragraphs)
- Font size 11, Times New Roman
- Double Spaced

The structure of an ideal position paper:

- Header :
  - \* Committee
  - \* Topic
  - \* Delegation
- Paragraph 1 :
  - \* Introducing the issue from the general point of view
  - \* History of the issue
  - \* Emphasis on why the issue needs to be solved
- Paragraph  $\frac{2}{3}$ :
  - \* Nation's view on the issue

- \* How the issue has affected the nation
- \* Steps taken in the past by the nation
- \* Steps taken in the past by the world
- \* Evaluation of these steps (whether they were effective or not)

- Paragraph 4:

- \* Ideal solution put to be implemented (2-3 in detail)
- \* These do not have to be limited to what the country can do, it could be those Implemented by other countries or organizations.
- \* Mention specific UN organizations or other committees that are linked to solving The issue
- \* You can reference a UN resolution that previously aimed to solve the issue.

- Paragraph 5:

- \* Mention the stances of the country
- \* Summarize the solution to the issue
- \* Reiterate the need to address the issue

- Bibliography:

- \* APA 7th edition format
- \* Hanging indent
- \* Alphabetical order
- \* Minimum 5 sources