

1) Basic networking in Model UN:

- In addition to the moderated caucuses and Speaker's List during which speeches are made, a MUN committee will always have unmoderated caucuses
 - During these times, delegates go around and speak to each other freely. It is during this time that blocs are formed, groups that work together to write a resolution.
- What is a bloc?
 - A bloc is a group of delegates whose countries have similar positions. They will collaborate to write, advocate for, and hopefully pass a resolution.
 - You must have one if you wish to succeed in a committee.
- Your goal is to **become the head of your bloc**
 - This means that when you speak everybody else is listening to you.
 - You should not be someone else's bitch. You should not be feeding your ideas to that other kid who everybody else respects. You should be the one to whom everything is feeded
- Common tactics to become the head of a bloc:
 - Send people notes in the beginning of committee during the speaker's list, telling them you loved their ideas and want to speak more.
 - Make a strong speech in the beginning, and tell everybody at the end of said speech that you will be congregating in a certain location that they should come to.
 - Once you have a group of kids you are talking to (hopefully a group organized by you), gather a circle.
 - Pretend to care about everybody's ideas. Be friendly. Ask them questions. Almost act as a moderator of the discussion, coming off as intellectual but good to work with.
 - Try to ask for everybody's ideas, then summarize those for everybody. Take down the names of the delegates there and say you should all work on a resolution. These tactics all make you clear alpha dog.
- Basically:
 - Come off as in charge but not an abrasive dick.

2) Research/ position papers:

- Position papers are very important for Model UN. They are a summary of the research you did.
 - This should serve to:
 - Impress your chair with your research and knowledge
 - Help you concentrate your research
- Basic structure:
 - First paragraph should be a general summary of the topic (how it is effecting the world, give some numbers, emotional appeal)

- Second paragraph addresses how your specific country is affected by this issue
- Third paragraph is a summary of your proposed solutions to the issue. **THIS IS THE HARDEST BUT MOST IMPORTANT PARAGRAPH**
 - It is often useful to search existing solutions to the problem, what has been done, what has been successful, what has been proposed but not yet implemented. Often there are existing programs in specific countries that you can take and expand.
- Useful sites for research:
 - <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
 - Your committee's actual website
 - (i.e. UNDP-<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home.html>)

3) What you should know for MiniMunc

- Crisis:
 - Because this is a crisis, you wield real power. You have the power to write directives and press releases.
 - Directives:
 - Directives are specific actions you will take. They will either be:
 - Portfolio power directives, meaning they are actions that you take unilaterally using your own power (the king of France can order the movement of certain troops)
 - Joint-directives, meaning you work with someone else to combine your powers (The French rebels stage an attack on the government using Austrian weaponry, which Austria must first send to the rebels.
 - Everytime you write a directive, you send it to the chair who will, along with the crisis staff, process this. Not all directives will be responded to right away. Crisis staff will usually, however, send back some response action (if the french king suspends liberties in response to rebel attacks, crisis may say that peasant rebellions killed thirty troops in the south)
 - They can either be secret or public, meaning the actions would be carried out secretly. Watch out, this can backfire.
 - Press releases:
 - These are announcements you make. They serve no purpose other than to gain popular support or explain decisions.
 - Communiques:
 - These are messages that you send to people out of committee.
 - You write a message to them, send it to the chair, and crisis staff will create a response. This way you can utilize outside forces, like the Americans or Spanish, for support and alliances.
 - Because you need to take **specific** actions in a crisis, you should be equipped with specific knowledge. Know your major exports, your strongholds, troop numbers, naval stuff, allies, enemies, political situations, religion, etc. The more

specific numbers you give crisis (French king send 3,000 troops from Arles to quell protests in Biarritz). However, if the French didn't actually have 3,000 troops stationed there (unless you moved them there), you will look like a fool.

4) Western Business Attire:

- This is necessary for all Model UN conferences.
- Guys:
 - A suit or jacket
 - A button down shirt
 - Hopefully a tie
 - Shoes (not sneakers)
- Girls:
 - A nice blouse, shirt, blazer, cardigan
 - Slacks, nice skirt
 - Comfortable shoes, flats, heels