

Powers of UN

- Consider and make recommendations on
- human rights
- All they can DO is approve budget and economic assessment
- Also subcommittees

Security Council

- Undertake investigation- deploy rapporteurs
- sanctions
- cease fire
- travel bans
- deploy peace keepers- bad for combat zones, good for humanitarian situations
- Veto:
 - 5 Permanent members can veto any resolution
 - US
 - China
 - Russia
 - UK
 - France
 - When you join the US starts sending you money to vote how they want
 - BRICS Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa: Emerging World Economies

Regional Bodies

- A few countries ban together and tie their economies together
- agreements
- EU, African Union, ASIAN (aysecan), NATO

History of the UN (how the UN works)

- Established in 1945 after WWII (preceded by League of Nations)
- No real debates in GAs
 - genuinely not a political organization
 - putting country policy on the record
 - All speeches must be cleared word for word by country's head of state, for delegates. Heads of state can go up and say whatever they want for as long as they want
 - Speech is translated into 6 languages
 - No negotiation, just policy
 - This is why it's good to create a sub body to facilitate negotiation
 - conference hall

Back to Model UN

- Don't be frustrated by powerlessness:
 - if you don't want something to happen, "The UN is not a political organization it is not our job to change policy. Discussion based organization, and it is your job simply to present your policy"
- How to circumvent powerlessness:
 - Work with "powerful countries" who will agree to impose sanctions on their own. Encourage powerful nations to do stuff.
 - Encourage security council/regional bodies to sanction people
- National Sovereignty
 - Infringements: government that is not yours takes control of citizens lands or industries
 - declaring use of machine guns for infants illegal
 - Taking funds away is a violation of national sovereignty
 - "Thats what the UN was founded on"

Using the UN to frame your arguments

- context of topic in terms of UN