Position Paper Guide

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**Here are five steps to writing a good position paper.**

**Step one:** What is the topic about in general terms?

* Read the research reports, they have a lot of general information about each topic
* Answer: What is going on? Who is involved? Who does it affect? Where is it happening? What is the current situation? What implications does the conflict have? (Social, moral, environmental, etc.)
* Mention Key players: Countries, NGOs, organizations, etc.
* Good to use Statistics in this section
* Look into the background history, what has led up to the conflict?

**Step two:** *What has the UN done in the last 20 years regarding the topic?*

* Try to find resolutions, treaties, or conventions that regard the topic
* There are some in the research report that you should take a look at

**Step three: *Most important portion:*** *What is your countries policy on the issue?*

* What is your countries policy or attitude towards the topic?
* What has your country done regarding the topic?
* If you are struggling look at your countries allies and their policies especially the P5.

**Step four:** *What possible solutions are there to the topic?*

* You don’t have to solve the problem completely, but you just need to manage it
* What can you do, are there any existing resolution that you can add on to?
* You are really encouraged to think of new solutions to the issues, but they need to be: doable, plausible, reasonable, and in your countries policy.

**Step Five:** Bibliography

* Where did you find your information?
* Please you full citations but the format you use does not matter.