

The International Conference on the Middle East

Monday 3/29 11:00 - 12:40 come dressed appropriately

Opening Statements: Each delegate will give a **four-minute** speech. You should introduce yourself to the group, give important background information which will help the audience to understand who you are, and make the essential points that your character or group would make at this gathering (as unrealistic as it is). Some of you will want to focus mainly on the war in Iraq or the role of the US in the region. Others of you will focus on the Arab/Israeli conflict or the Islamic Fundamentalist movements sweeping the Middle East. Some of you will want to address all of these or perhaps other issues that dominate your country today. You will need to figure out how to best use this short but important time. What are your main concerns? What does this group need to understand before the debates begin? What should the (American) TV audience hear from your character? You will undoubtedly be presenting the most important parts of your research papers. This may include critical history. There will be no rebuttals during the opening statements. You should come with prepared notes or written speech. I encourage you to use direct quotations from your character. If you quote someone other than your character you need to credit the speaker. Some of you need to coordinate your speeches: Israelis, Human Rights, US, etc. **Come prepared!**

Tue 3/31 10:50 - 12:40 and 3:30 - 5:30

Debates: The UN moderator will allow delegates to make statements up to two minutes long. If a country or group is named in a delegate's statement then they will be given up to two minutes to respond. Delegates should come prepared with statements and rebuttals (anticipate other delegate's arguments). Delegates should respond directly to other delegates. This could include strongly worded if appropriate, but no physical violence will be allowed. Each of you must speak at least **five** times (make your voice heard).

Making Proposals: Each of you will make one or more formal proposals before 5pm.

- * Each proposal must be one line long (not a paragraph).
 - * You must turn in a written copy of each proposal to Chris at the time you formally present it.
 - * Proposals must reflect your characters concerns and perspective on issues your character considers important.
 - * Proposals may be broad and vague (e.g. call for a comprehensive Middle East peace that respects all people)
 - * Proposals may be specific and targeted (e.g. support for increased United Nations economic sanctions Imposed on Iran unless it immediately allows UN inspectors into all suspected nuclear enrichment facilities)
- 3:30-4:30 will be the Human Rights Hour with a focus on the appropriate role of Islam in government, the rule of law, democracy, and women's rights

Wednesday 3/31 10:50-12:40

Proposals: I will have organized Monday's proposals into a series of new proposals. At the beginning of class each of you will be given a copy of the proposals. You will have a short time to study them before voting.

Voting: Each of you will vote appropriately in character on each of the proposals.

Closing Statements: Each delegate will give a **2-minute** closing statement. You may get in a last series of comments, summarize your positions, reference the conference itself, or speak to the future of the Middle East.

YOUR EVALUATION A substantial component of your final evaluation for this course will be based on your preparedness for, and participation in, the opening statements, debates, proposals, closing statement and voting. You should come **dressed** as appropriately as possible for the conference (particularly from the waist up). It will be aired on **Channel 16** in April.

Please invite friends, family, etc.