

UNITED NATIONS MAJOR ORGANS

TOPIC: UNITED NATIONS ORGANS PUZZLE ACTIVITY

OBJECTIVES

- Identify the particulars of each of the major UN organs.
- Match the answers to the appropriate question box.
- Have general understanding of the different functions of the major UN organs.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Time: 40-60 minutes
2. Materials Needed:
 - Handout A: The United Nations Organs
 - Handout B: The United Nations Organs Puzzle
 - Additional Resource: *Global Classrooms: Peacekeeping Unit Teacher's Guide*, pages 141-143
 - Scissors and Glue (optional)

PROCEDURE

1. Lesson Introduction/Activation of Prior Knowledge

KWL (Know-Want-Learned) Discussion on UN major organs: Ask students to create a KWL chart on their papers. Ask them to individually fill in the “Know” and “What they Want to Know” of the KWL chart regarding the UN major organs. Discuss their responses with the class. It is okay if they do not have much completed on their charts because this activity will help them learn about the major organs and their functions.

2. Activity

- Read *Global Classrooms: Peacekeeping Unit*, pp. 141-143
- Distribute Delegates Handbook, page 52 and Attachment B
- Instruct students to match “answer squares” with “question squares.” Students may cut and paste.

3. Closing/Wrap-Up

- Once students are done, review answers.
- Fill in “Learned” section of KWL activity

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Homework Writing Activity: Have students choose the UN organ that he or she believes has had the most impact on world affairs. Ask students to briefly explain their decision. No research necessary. This assignment should be followed by a discussion the following day.

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HANDOUT A: THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANS

	<i>Secretariat</i>	<i>General Assembly</i>	<i>Security Council</i>	<i>International Court of Justice</i>	<i>Economic and Social Council</i>	<i>Trusteeship Council</i>
<i>Who are the members?</i>						
<i>What do they do? / What topics do they discuss?</i>						
<i>If it is a voting body, how does it vote?</i>						
<i>When and where does it meet?</i>						
<i>What makes it different from other organs?</i>						

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HANDOUT B: THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANS PUZZLE

Simple majority	These are the employees of the United Nations; they do the work of the United Nations.	UN Headquarters New York, NY United States	15 Member States (5-Permanent, 10-Rotating)	They do not vote.	54 Member States elected by the General Assembly
Simple majority OR 2/3 majority if the issue is declared an important question	Simple majority	UN Headquarters New York, NY United States	This organ is located in the same city as the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands.	Debates international economic and social issues	Oversees trust territories
191 member nations	Settles legal disputes among countries not people	The five permanent members of the Security Council ran this Council when it was active.	15 judges are elected by the General Assembly for their judicial expertise; they do not represent their countries.	Discusses issues of Peace and Security. Members must be available at a moments notice in case of Crisis.	This Council no longer meets because it has fulfilled its mission. If necessary, it will be recalled by the General Assembly.
This Body can discuss any topic that the members wish to speak about.	They work all over the world.	This Body regularly works with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).	The decisions are legally binding and may be enforced through sanctions.	Assisted territories in achieving independence or joining neighboring countries	This body provides legal opinions on cases and on the interpretation of International Treaties.
This Body ceased to exist with the independence of Palau.	UN Headquarters New York, NY United States	This body meets with the full membership of the United Nations.	Simple majority	UN Headquarters New York, NY United States	This is not made up of Member States.