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**Syria: Is there a solution?**

**Questions:**

What are the major problems in Syria?

What are the causes of Syria’s problems today? How are they connected to Syria’s past?

Are there solutions? What are they?

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|  | **Day 1** | **Day 2** | **Day 3** | **Day 4** | **Day 5** |
| **Historical Question** | What is the Syrian conflict?  What caused it? | What is the role of ISIS in the conflict? What is Assad’s role? |  | How can we help Syrians? |  |
| **In-class** | Gallery Walk  [Chemical Attacks](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/04/chemical-attack-syria-170404195457304.html)  [Air Strikes](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria/u-s-says-air-strikes-cripple-syria-chemical-weapons-program-idUSKBN1HJ0ZS)  [Remembering Aleppo](https://www.nytimes.com/video/world/middleeast/100000005336300/remembering-aleppo-a-city-in-ruins.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FSyria&action=click&contentCollection=world&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=10&pgtype=collection) | Syria and ISIS  [Video: Who is fighting who and why?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFpanWNgfQY)  [Syrian Civil War in 5 Minutes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5H5w3_QTG0) | Final Presentation  Refugees Game  [Syrian Refugees Fleeing](http://www.dw.com/en/survey-leaves-no-doubt-syrians-are-fleeing-assad/a-18775789) | White Helmets | UN Peacekeeping talks |
| **Homework** | Articles:  [Syrian Refugees](https://www.cnn.com/2015/09/03/europe/migration-crisis-aylan-kurdi-turkey-canada/)  [Syria Story of the Conflict](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-26116868)  [We were dying in there](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/15/world/middleeast/syria-ghouta-civilians-evacuation.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FSyria&action=click&contentCollection=world&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=9&pgtype=collection) | [In a Syrian City, Isis puts its vision into practice](https://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/24/world/middleeast/islamic-state-controls-raqqa-syria.html)  [Iraq War: Roots](https://www.aljazeera.com/blogs/middleeast/2015/09/iraq-war-root-europe-refugee-crisis-150908151855527.html)  [The toys they carried](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/02/world/middleeast/syria-ghouta-children-siege.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FSyria&action=click&contentCollection=world&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=17&pgtype=collection) |  | Preparation for UN Conference  [Will Syria see a political solution?](https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/syria-peace-2018-180103110604320.html)  [To Solve the Syrian Crisis](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/seyed-hossein-mousavian/syria-crisis-obstacles_b_8740514.html)  [How to Solve the Syria Crisis](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/nov/13/solve-syrian-crisis-assad-jihadist) |  |

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| **Responses** | **Questions** |
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**Video #1: Chemical Attack Syria**

1. Who does the report suggest was responsible for chemical attacks on civilians in Syria?

**Video #2: Strikes ‘crippled’ Syria’s Chemical Weapons program (watch first 2 minutes)**

2) What specifically did the US bomb in Syria?

3) Why did the US engage in this attack?

4) Who is Syria’s major ally?

**Video #3: Remembering Aleppo**

5) How would you describe the city of Aleppo after the Civil War?

6) How would you describe Aleppo before the Civil War?

**Your reflection**

7) Note your emotional response after seeing these videos. What do you think/feel?

8) What are two questions all this raises for you?

Gallery Walk

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| Image Description | Questions I have | My thoughts/reactions |
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Who is Fighting Whom and Why?

1.Who are the four main groups involved in the Syrian War?

2. What happened in March 2011?

3. What is the Free Syrian Army?

4. What is Jabat al-Nusra?

5. Who does Iran support in the war?

6. Who do the gulf states like Saudi Arabia support?

7. The Sunnis generally support \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. The Shias generally support \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Assad used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ weapons against civilians

10. What does ISIS stand for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. Which groups is ISIS fighting against in Syria?

12. Who does Russia support?

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Syrian Civil War in Five Minutes

1.People in many Arab countries got rid of their leaders in 2011, which was called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Bashar al-Assad is the President of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Bashar came to power after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. After World War I, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ colonial powers decided on the borders of countries in the Middle East.

5. The name of Assad’s sect in Syria is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. The two countries that have blocked international action against Assad are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and China \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Why hasn’t the US gotten involved (very much)?

**White Helmets**

1. What motivates the White Helmets to do the work that they do?

A)

B)

C)

D)

E)

F)

2) How would you compare the work and impact of the White Helmets to other individuals we have studied this year?

3) What are three questions you have about the White Helmets?

4) What is your emotional or intellectual response to the film? Explain,

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**United Nations Security Council Debate: The Syrian Crisis**

**Briefing**

The date is Wednesday, February 3rd. World leaders, members of NGOs, and members of the Syrian government and opposition have gathered in Geneva, Switzerland to try to establish a resolution to the Syrian crisis.

**The Question: How do we stop the crisis in Syria?**

**Supporting Questions:**

-What is the crisis?

-What are its causes?

-What are our options? What are the consequences of each option?

**Your Mission**

Each of you will take on the role of someone with stakes in the crisis. Some of you are on the UN Security Council, which means you can decide the United Nation’s policy. Others have been called to give opinions and advice based on your perspective.

1) Research and learn about your country or organization’s policy related to the Syria conflict. What are your interests, goals, and concerns?

2) You must write a 1-page brief stating your position on the conflict and its resolution. Consider the questions above as well as the perspective, interests, and goals of your particular role. You must be prepared to give a 2-minute speech outlining your position.

**The Format**

1) Each diplomat will give a 1-2 minute briefing speech

2) We will have 15 minutes for open debate moderated by Staffan de Mistura

3) Members of the Security Council plus the Syrian Government and opposition have 15 minutes to achieve a resolution. Moderated by Staff de Mistura.

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| **Security Council** | **Central Figures** | **Others** |
| US  Russia  France  UK  China  Jordan  Egypt | Staffan de Mistura, United Nations Special Envoy for Syria  Salim al-Muslat, Opposition High Negotiations Committee  Bashar al Jaafari,  United Nations Syrian ambassador | Turkey  People’s Will Party (Qadri Jamil)  13th Division  Free Syrian Army  Saudi Arabia  Iran  Oxfam  Germany  Greece  SAC – Syrian American Council  Kurdish representation  Iraq  Doctors without Borders  Mercy Corp  The White Helmets  UNICEF  International Refugee Committee |

**Format of Conference**

**Part 1: Meet in committees, establish a consensus and choose a speaker**

**The Question: How do we stop the crisis in Syria?**

**Supporting Questions:**

-What is the crisis?

-What are its causes?

-What are our options? What are the consequences of each option?

-What should be our focus and strategy?

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| **Group 1** | **Group 2** | **Group 3** |
| **US**  **France**  **UK**  **Germany**  **Greece** | **Russia**  **Bashar al Jaafari**  **Iran** | **Jordan**  **Saudi Arabia**  **Free Syrian Army**  **People’s Will Party**  **13th Division**  **Salim al-Muslat**, Opposition High Negotiations Committee |
| **Group 4** | **Wild Cards (find your group)** |  |
| **Oxfam**  **Doctors without Borders**  **White Helmets**  **UNICEF**  **IRC** | **Turkey**  **Kurdish Representation**  **Egypt**  **China** |  |

**Part 2: 1 minute speeches by Committee Speakers w/ one minute pause between speeches for committees to discuss**

**Part 3: Q&A and suggestions by other delegates - How do you respond to other committees?**

**Part 4: Attempt to reach a consensus**

**What can you compromise on?**

**What is a non-negotiable?**

**United Nations Debate Preparation Sheet**

1) What is your country or organization? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What are your country’s interests in Syria?**

1)

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**What are your country’s main concerns in Syria?**

1)

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**What is your country’s main goals for Syria?**

1)

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**What is the best case scenario for you?**

**What is the worst case scenario for you?**

Syrian Conference Notetaking Sheet

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| Group and Speaker | Main Point(s) for resolution | Questions to support or challenge |
| 1  Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
| 2  Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
| 3  Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
| 4  Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |