Prague Adolescent Summit

Project Proposal

The goal of the Prague Adolescent Summit is to help young people develop environmentally sustainable action programs in their schools and home communities.

You already read the Earth Charter Background Guide, which can help you think more critically about the issues in your community and imagine possible areas where you can make a big difference in the health of your community.

The **Project Proposal** asks you to think deeply about the issues in your community and concentrate on where you would like your social action project to make changes. Your interest should link to one of the **Topics** as outlined in the **Background Guide.** In a written proposal you will include the following:

1. State the Problem
2. Report on the Problem
3. List Your Goals
4. Highlight Resources
5. Research Local Partners
6. Bibliography

Proposal Components

Your proposal will consist of six parts:

Section	What do I Include?
1. Statement of the Problem	✓ What is the problem in your community? ✓ How is it connected to one of the **Earth Charter?** ✓ Why is this a problem? (What are the factors?) ✓ Why is this an important issue to fix?

2. Report on the Problem	✓ What has been done in the past to fix this problem? ✓ How successful were these attempts to fix the problem? ✓ What are some solutions other groups are suggesting?
3. List Your Goals	✓ What do you want to accomplish? ✓ Why do you want to accomplish this? ✓ How will you know if you have been successful?
4. Highlight Resources	✓ How can government programs support you to solve this problem? ✓ How can people in your community help you solve this problem? ✓ What resources do you have that will help you solve this problem?
5. Research Local Partners	✓ How can NGOs in your community help support you meet your goals? ✓ How can community organizations help you meet your goals? ✓ Can local experts (researchers, professors, etc.) lend support to your cause?
6. Bibliography	✓ What books / articles did you read to understand your topic on a deeper level? ✓ Who did you talk to in order to learn more about the situation? ✓ What other resources did you use to learn about this topic?

On the following page is a rubric that you can use in order to help guide your research and writing. If you should have any questions about writing your **Project Proposal** *please do not hesitate to contact us at* **jcunningham@montessori-mun.org**

Project Proposal Rubric

Category	Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
1. Statement of the Problem	The proposal does not show the ability to explain the problem, the factors involved and why this is an important issue.	The proposal shows **some** ability to explain the problem, the factors involved and why this is an important issue.	The proposal shows **thorough** ability to explain the problem, the factors involved and why this is an important issue.
2. Report on the Problem	The proposal does not show the ability to report on past and future attempts to fix the problem and their effectiveness	The proposal shows **some** ability to report on past and future attempts to fix the problem and their effectiveness	The proposal shows **thorough** ability to report on past and future attempts to fix the problem and their effectiveness
3. List Your Goals	The proposal does not show the ability to define achievable goals and how they will be monitored	The proposal shows **some** ability to define achievable goals and how they will be monitored	The proposal shows **thorough** ability to define achievable goals and how they will be monitored
4. Highlight Resources	The proposal does not show the ability to define personal and local resources which will be helpful in solving the problem	The proposal shows **some** ability to define personal and local resources which will be helpful in solving the problem	The proposal shows **thorough** ability to define personal and local resources which will be helpful in solving the problem
5. Research Local Partners	The proposal does not show the ability to search for community partnerships and report on how they can work together	The proposal shows **some** ability to search for community partnerships and report on how they can work together	The proposal shows **thorough** ability to search for community partnerships and report on how they can work together
6. Bibliography	The proposal does not demonstrate the ability to perform research	✓ 3 – 5 sources are listed ✓ Sources are mostly listed using proper MLA formatting ✓ The sources show the student has searched for a variety of resources	✓ More than 5 sources are listed ✓ Sources are listed using proper MLA formatting ✓ The sources show the student has searched for a variety of resources
7. Editing	The proposal does not demonstrate the ability to present ideas and information in a logical manner.	✓ Correct Tense ✓ Capitalization ✓ Punctuation ✓ Sentences are **mostly** clear ✓ Incorrect Spelling ✓ Under 5 errors	✓ Correct Tense ✓ Capitalization ✓ Punctuation ✓ Sentences are clear ✓ Correct Spelling ✓ Error Free

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PAS Proposal Checklist

Heading

This is written at the top of the first page of your proposal. It helps PAS keep everything in order.

- ☐ Earth Topic
- ☐ Student Name
- ☐ School Name

The Proposal

This is the writing of your **Proposal**. Be as specific as possible. Use quotes, references and statistics whenever it will help give the reader a better understanding of what you are trying to say. Make sure you include all the parts.

- ☐ Statement of the problem
- ☐ Report on the problem
- ☐ List your goals
- ☐ Highlight resources
- ☐ Research local partners
- ☐ Bibliography

Mechanics

- ☐ Page length – 2 pages (not including bibliography)
- ☐ Spelling correct
- ☐ Grammar correct
- ☐ Capitalization correct
- ☐ Punctuation correct
- ☐ Sentence and word meaning correct
- ☐ Logical paragraphs and transitions

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