

# Delegate Pre-Conference Assignments

## Special Programs 2024

By **February 1st, 2024 at 11:59pm**, all delegates in Special Programs should complete the pre-conference assignment for their committee (listed below).

You should submit your assignment by emailing it to your chair at the email address listed below. Please send only ONE email to your chairs that includes ALL components of the assignment (address all the bullet points of your committee!).

**Please pay close attention to your committee's instructions and make sure that you are submitting your pre-conference assignment in the correct format.**

Feel free to reach out to your chair with any questions or concerns. They will be responsive to emails starting one month before the conference (on January 23rd, 2024).

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### Constitutional Convention

- Prepare and record a 1-3 minute speech discussing what positions you would be willing to argue for and compromise on during the Convention.

### District Court

- Record a video: Write and present a one-minute opening statement for ONE of your cases.
- Write a 300-400 word brief: Summarize FIVE objections from the Guide to the District Court – when are they relevant, and why are they objectionable?

### Group of 20

- For **each** briefing topic, please record a short speech of 1-2 minutes detailing your role's position on the issues. Please include specific policy proposals as a part of your recorded responses and feel free to provide a short overview of the logistics of those policies.

### Historical Committee

- What is the most pressing issue facing the Cabinet? How would your character respond to it? Respond in a 1-3 minute video or 250-300 word paragraph.

### Media

- Read through the guide to media on the website to learn how to write a news article.
- Using what you learned from the guide to media, write a short news article (250-300 words, but it can be longer if you want) on the topic of your choosing.
- Additionally, create a pseudonym for yourself as a reporter and write a short (100 word) backstory for this persona.

### West Wing

- Please rank the top 3 briefing topics your party would be most likely to emphasize in an election cycle from the list of ten topics provided on the website.
- Prepare and record a 1-3 minute speech about ONE of your three chosen topics from the perspective of your assigned party.

### **National Economic Council**

- For **each** briefing topic, please record a short speech of 1-2 minutes detailing your role's position on the issues. Please include specific policy proposals as a part of your recorded responses and feel free to provide a short overview of the logistics of those policies.

### **National Security Council**

- For **each** briefing topic, please record a short speech of 1-2 minutes detailing your role's position on the issues. Please include specific policy proposals as a part of your recorded responses and feel free to provide a short overview of the logistics of those policies.

### **Presidential Cabinet**

- Please rank the top 3 briefing topics your role would be most interested in debating from the list of ten topics provided on the website
- Prepare and record a 1-3 minute speech about ONE of your three chosen topics from the perspective of your assigned role.

### **Supreme Court**

- Attorney
  1. Carefully read the provided case law, appeals court opinions, and any updates.
  2. Prepare oral arguments for **both sides** of all four cases.
  3. Complete an outline for at least one side of the case (see SCOTUS Guide Appendix for examples and further directions).
    - a. *This is good practice for all four cases!*
  4. Compile a list of the precedents listed in each case and make sure that you understand the significance of each one.
    - a. *Most cases hinge on questions of precedent, so this will be an especially important part of your pre-conference work. However, remember that as the highest court in the United States, you may suggest a new "test" or suggest a deviation from precedent if you think previous cases were decided incorrectly. The latter is rare, however.*
- Justice
  1. For each case, prepare a list of five questions you would ask as an Associate Justice.
    - a. *The questions should not deal extremely specifically with the facts of the case at hand. Your questions should be focused on the constitutional, or fundamental, arguments of the case.*
- Note: Other committees are responding to their pre-conference assignments in the form of a speech. We prefer that you complete the above portion to be better prepared for the questioning by the Justices.

### **United Nations Security Council**

- For **each** briefing topic, please record a short speech of 1-2 minutes detailing your role's position on the issues. Please include specific policy proposals as a part of your recorded responses and feel free to provide a short overview of the logistics of those policies.

### **World Health Organization**

- For **each** briefing topic, write a 250-300 word response detailing your role's position on the issues. Please include specific policy proposals as part of your response.

## World Bank

- For **each** briefing topic, write a 250-300 word response detailing your role's position on the issues. Please include specific policy proposals as part of your response.

## Federal Bureau of Investigation

- For this committee, you will have two options for pre conference assignments:
  - Read the Weston Jeweler Case and write out two theories on how the theft was committed (200-300 words per theory).
  - Research the position of the FBI's current executive leadership, and provide a short description (200-300 words) of their background and priorities, as well as a short description of the functions performed by at least two branches of the agency (100-200 words).

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## Committee Emails

Committee	Chairs	Email
<b>Constitutional Convention</b>	Henry, Conner, Alex, Matthew, Nicole	<i>sp.concon@harvardmodelcongress.org</i>
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<b>Supreme Court</b>	Logan, Nabila, Madeline, Lauren, Aarna, Esther	<i>sp.supremecourt@harvardmodelcongress.org</i>
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<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation</b>	Ella, Kai, Da’Vion, Nyla	<i>sp. FBI@harvardmodelcongress.org</i>