How to Make Your Jr. Model UN Opening Speech Video
Step by Step!

- Write a 2-5 minute opening speech on your assigned committee topic from the perspective of your assigned country.
What should be in your speech?

- **Opening Speech Checklist:**
  - Your name, your school, your grade, and your assigned country and committee topic...this is your “intro” to the video and should be done at the very beginning.
  - Information (facts and statistics) regarding the committee topic. *Remember that your audience is the General Assembly (all Model UN member countries) and you are a delegate representing your assigned country.*
  - How your committee topic impacts your assigned country and the world. Mention any challenges and areas of progress.
  - Discuss why it's important for world leaders to act quickly to solve the issue at hand. Include a few possible solutions to the issue.
    - **THINK:** How can/should the UN General Assembly come together to solve the issue?
  - Wrap up your thoughts, say thank you, & have a strong conclusion!
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- Remember to use the most relevant and up-to-date information from your research.
- Follow the writing process when creating your ‘script’ for your speech – brainstorm, plan, draft, revise, edit and produce a final product.
- Be clear and concise in your video...practice makes perfect!
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- If using the camera feature on your phone or tablet, hold it **horizontally**, as opposed to vertically.
- Speak slowly and clearly. Make sure to enunciate your words.
- Consider having other people review your video *before* you submit it.
- **Be creative.** You can use pictures, voice over, and other editing applications!
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- Make sure you follow all of the stated rules and guidelines, including length, and content.
- If you can, list all of the sources you used in the end credits (this is optional and not required).
- **Have fun** and show off your public speaking skills!
When you film your video...

- Make sure you have a good quality camera. You can use an iPhone, android, iPad, tablet, or digital camera.
- Dress to impress! Wear business casual clothing, or you can even dress in the traditional dress of your assigned country if you want to!
- Make sure you have good lighting. Film during the day and in a well lit room with minimal distractions.
- Consider using a flag or UN image as a digital backdrop/green screen.
Top video editing apps for students!

- iMovie: Best free video editor for kids on Mac, iPhone & iPad.
- TikTok: A platform that allows users to create and share video content, and it includes editing tools that make it possible for anyone to produce near-professional results.
- Stop Motion Studio: (free for IOS and Android).
- Filmora9: Best Easy-to-use Video Editor for Kids to make YouTube videos.
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- **Kapwing Online Video Studio**
- **OpenShot**: Free & Easy Open Source Video Editor for Kids on Chromebook
- **Splice**: Downloadable app for your phone.
Sample Opening Speech Video #1
Sample Opening Speech Video #2
Sample Opening Speech Video #3
Check out these other helpful video examples!

- Kid President's 25 Reasons To Be Thankful!
- What a Waste!
- What's wrong with our food system!
Submission Reminders:

- Send your Opening Speech video to your teacher or upload to your school’s Jr. MUN Google Drive folder by the given deadline.
- Fill out a [Media Release Form](#) if you would like to given the Council permission to share your video!
- Note that the [Mp4 file format](#) is the best format to send/save. You can use a free online video converter to convert your video to Mp4 if your file saves in a different format.
- Check the ‘Checklist’ on Page 3...do you have everything included before submitting?
- Have any questions or concerns? Reach out to your teacher or have a parent email a Council staff member