

## UNITED NATIONS

### Performance Standard 14E.D

Write a brief paragraph describing the goals and objectives of the United Nations and include an explanation as to why the United States is a member accordingly:

- *Knowledge*: identify the main purpose of the United Nations;
- *Reasoning*: explain why the United States benefits by membership in the organization; and
- *Communication*: write a paragraph that is well-organized, well-focused and well-detailed; express all ideas in a way that provides evidence of knowledge and reasoning processes.

### Procedure

1. *In order to understand United States foreign policy as it relates to other nations and international issues (14E)*, students should experience sufficient learning opportunities to develop the following:
  - Name an international organization of which the United States is a member (e.g., United Nations)
2. Have students review and discuss the assessment task and how the rubric will be used to evaluate their work.
3. The students should study information about the United Nations and why it benefits a nation to be a member.
4. Have students read or discuss general information about the United Nations.
5. Have students write a paragraph explaining the basic purpose of the United Nations. In the paragraph the students will describe how the United States benefits from involvement in the United Nations.
6. Evaluate each student's work using the Social Science Rubric as follows and add the scores to determine the performance level:
  - *Knowledge*: identification of the purpose of the United Nations is complete and accurate.
  - *Reasoning*: the analysis of the purpose of the United Nations and explanation of why the United States benefits from membership is well-reasoned and logical.
  - *Communication*: the writing is well-organized, well-focused and well-detailed; the knowledge and reasoning were completely and effectively communicated.

### Example of Student Work follow

### Time Requirement

- One class period

### Resources

- Information regarding the United Nations from newspapers, magazines, encyclopedias, Internet.
- Social Science Rubric

The United Nations are a group of countries that work together. The United Nations was formed after WWII to create peace, international communication, and security. The headquarters are in New York City. They have six main departments. The six departments are the General Assembly, <sup>the</sup> Security Council, the International Court of Justice, the Secretariat, the Economic and Social, and the Trusteeship Council. UN has only 2 main goals: <sup>to</sup> peace and <sup>to</sup> ~~try~~ to try to stop fighting. (war)

There are 189 countries in UN.

The United States would be wonderful to stay in the UN. One main and big reason is all about resources. If there is a poor country we can ship food to them. Other countries can give us resources like oil. If someone was in trouble or trapped we can give them advice and help them. The UN helps out with the environment and controls the nuclear arms so people don't use it badly.

The United Nations was formed after World War 2, to create peace, international communication, and security. The headquarters is in New York City. The United Nations is an organization of nations that works for the world peace and security and the betterment of humanity. Its two main goals are peace, and if their asked to try to stop fighting (war) there are 189 countries involved. There are 6 groups in the UN the General Assembly, Security Council, International Court of Justice, Secretariat, Economic and Social Council, and the Trusteeship Council.

The US is in the UN because we can trade crops with things from other countries. We wouldn't start wars. We work for peace. We try to work things out and not fight. We try

to be kind to other countries, even though they're at war. We drop food to the poor people in poor countries. We also send food to countries that can't grow things. That's why I think the US is in the UN. The US benefits other countries and they benefit us.