

Overview

Students will assume the role of advisor to the leader of a country in the Americas, read a scenario, and make a policy recommendation.

Length

One–two classes

Materials

[Americas \(World101\)](#)

Handout (attached)

Instructional Plan

1. Assign or have students choose countries from the Americas to represent.
2. Assign one or more scenarios from the handout. Have students, alone or in groups, give an oral presentation as though briefing their country's leader on what to do with the situation.
3. Lead a full-class discussion on patterns that emerged regarding issues that the region faces.

Extension and Additional Resources

A writing assignment could replace or be added to the presentations.

Scenarios

1. The leader of your country is reconsidering policy toward China. What economic and political ties does your country have to China? What benefits and challenges do those ties bring? Would you suggest that your country change its China policy?
2. The leader of your country is reconsidering policy toward the United States. What economic and political ties does your country have to the United States? What is the history of your country's relationship with the United States? What benefits and challenges arise from your country's relationship with the United States? Would you suggest that your country change its policy toward the United States?
3. The leader of your country is concerned about how climate change is affecting the people and economy of your country, as well as how it may be a threat to your country's security. What policies would you suggest to your leader to help address the effects of climate change?
4. Prepare a report for the leader of your country on the issues that indigenous people in your country face. What policies would best support them and grant them dignity and justice?
5. To what extent is public corruption a problem in your country? What policies might the leader of your country adopt in order to reduce corruption?
6. How much does the drug trade affect your country? What policies can your country adopt to minimize these effects?