

Playground and context:

➤ **Context:**

- The extent of sea ice decline and we have to rethink our development and in particular the Arctic are development.
- The melting of the ice supposes new roads and opportunities will appear for the bordering states. This leads to a growing militarisation and a possible destabilization of the area.

➤ **Actors :**

The Arctic Council will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary in 2021; It is the leading intergovernmental forum promoting cooperation in the Arctic. Different kinds of actors are involved in the Arctic Council (inhabitants, activities, NGO, countries).

➤ **Activity**

You will make a pair representing one of those groups and you will have to give your position on these two topics:

Topic 1– Shall we develop shipping and oil and gas fields in the Arctic?

Topic 2- Is it possible to limit the increasing militarisation of the area?

You will prepare a paper (one sheet maximum with notes only, not full sentences) to help you to make your speech. In this speech, you will make clear:

- Who you are representing
- What interests, stakes you defend
- What necessary measures, main steps or emergency action must be taken on both topics.
- A few selected documents that you could show during the debate (maps, pictures).

Your speech will be maximum 4 mn each.

To help you, you will spend two hours in the computer room in Dnl (12 and 19/11) and two hours with Mrs Southworth to find some elements to base your research. Make sure you do your research in English.

Date of the Model Arctic Council: 2 hours (week of 3/12)

You will have prepared a placard with your title on it.

Here are the criteria assessed: rich and appropriate content/ convincing arguments without reading/proper language/pronunciation

➤ **Composition:**

8 ARCTIC STATES (local governments)

PERMANENT PARTICIPANTS:

A Delegation of Indigenous people

OBSERVERS

- Experts:
- An NGO or eco organization

- A scientific laboratory,
- A mine or energy company
- A tourism company
- Non Arctic States: China , France

GROUPS AND Non exhaustive WEBSITES for your research (Each group will form a pair)

| General research | <p>The Arctic Council: https://arctic-council.org/</p> <p>https://discoveringthearctic.org.uk https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/topics/ https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/countries/</p> <p>The rise of tensions https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct1gvc https://www.nato.int/docu/review/articles/2019/06/28/the-changing-shape-of-arctic-security/index.html</p> <p>Council for Foreign Relations https://www.cfr.org/emerging-arctic/#/</p> | NAMES |
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| 1.Delegate of Russia (and Chairman of the Arctic Council in 2021) | <p>BBC webarticle: Russia flexes muscles in challenge for Arctic control</p> <p>https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/russia-coercive-diplomacy-arctic/</p> | |
| 2.Delegate of Canada | <p>https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-internationales/arctic-arctique/index.aspx?lang=eng</p> <p>https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/canada-arctic-ambiguous-relationship/</p> | |
| 3.Delegate of Denmark | <p>https://um.dk/en/foreign-policy/the-arctic/ https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/denmark-interests-arctic-greenland-connection/</p> | |
| 4.Delegate of Finland | <p>https://um.fi/arctic-cooperation https://polarconnection.org/how-will-finlands-arctic-strategy-change/</p> | |
| 5.Delegate of Norway | <p>https://hir.harvard.edu/managing-the-arctic-a-norwegian-perspective/</p> | |
| 6.Delegate of Sweden | <p>https://www.government.se/information-material/2020/11/swedens-strategy-for-the-arctic-region-2020/</p> | |
| 7.Delegate of the United States | <p>BBC webarticle : Alaska, Biden to suspend Trump Arctic drilling</p> <p>https://warontherocks.com/2021/05/a-u-s-security-strategy-for-the-arctic/</p> | |

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| 8- A Delegation of Indigenous people | <p>The new Arctic communities under threat: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct1gv8 Make research on -The Aleut international association -Russian Association of Indigenous people of the North -Saami Council -Inuit circumpolar council Pour approfondir: participatory mapping: The Kawerak Inc. (Native organization): https://eskimowalruscommission.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/TEK-Mapping.pdf (see abstract and maps p 4,7)</p> | |
| 9. An NGO or eco organization | <p>www..arcticwwf.org</p> | |
| 10. A scientific laboratory | <p>https://iasc.info/about/organisation/council http://polarinstitute.com/</p> | |
| 11. A mine or energy company | <p>https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/exxonmobil-gains-access-arctic-oil/</p> | |
| 12. A tourism company | <p>https://www.arctictravelcompany.com/en/about-us https://www.aeco.no/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct1gvb</p> | |
| 13.China | <p>https://www.china-arctic.net/ https://thediplomat.com/2020/10/why-china-needs-an-arctic-policy-2-0/</p> | |
| 14. France | <p>https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/countries/france/ https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/macrons-twofold-arctic-policy-gain-influence-arctic https://www.euractiv.com/section/sustainable-dev/news/france-wants-to-spearhead-eu-strategy-on-arctic-region/</p> | |