

Charmaine's Doll Collection: India

Listen to the story about Charmaine and her Indian doll, then answer these questions:

Why was Charmaine in New York that day?

What was her tour guide wearing?

Where did she buy the doll?

What did she find fascinating?

Vocabulary:

field trip

tour guide

native dress

delegates

stage

simultaneous translation

fascinating

gift store

On the next page, there is some information about the United Nations; if you'd like to know all about it, keep reading..... 😊

Charmaine mentions the United Nations and the General Assembly. Did you know...?

The United Nations, also referred as the U.N., was established after World War II, in 1945. International leaders wanted to form a new global organization to maintain peace and to avoid wars. At first the U.N. only had 51 member countries, but today, it has 193 members, and its headquarters are in New York City.

This organization has four main purposes:

- ...to keep peace and security throughout the world
- ...to develop friendly relations among all nations
- ...to help all nations cooperate in order to solve international problems
- ...to be a center to help nations achieve these common goals

The U.N. has as its goals to prevent conflict by finding ways to ensure peace, to provide food and medical help in emergencies, and to give humanitarian support to millions of people around the world.

The U.N. has five different parts:

The General Assembly, which Charmaine mentions in her story, is the main part which makes policies and votes on decisions of the organization, and all 193 members are represented.

The Security Council is made up of 15 members whose goal is to maintain international peace and security. They decide if a threat exists and they encourage the nations involved to settle it peacefully

The Economic and Social Council makes policies and recommendations about economic, social, and environmental issues. There are 54 members in this group and they are elected by the General Assembly and they serve for three years.

The International Court of Justice is responsible for settling legal problems and answering questions in accordance with international law.

The Trusteeship Council was originally formed to manage the colonial possessions of the territories taken from the nations defeated at the end of World War II. These territories are all independent now, and so this council has been suspended since 1994. However, it continues to meet occasionally.

The Secretariat is made up of the Secretary-General, who is the Chief Administrative Officer, and thousands of United Nations staff members. They do the necessary everyday duties of the U.N. and work on international peacekeeping missions. António Guterres is the current Secretary General, and his term began on January 1, 2017, and he will serve for five years.

All of the parts of the United Nations have the goal of securing peace, stability, and prosperity throughout the whole world.

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