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The United Nations

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Close your eyes: it's 1945,
And so many people have died.
The Second World War is ending,
A violent slice of our history that needs some mending.
Global leaders say we can do more.
They see the need for an alternative to war.
The beginning of the United Nations:
An international organization.
Instead of war and people crying in tissues,
Countries can meet and talk about world issues.
Not a world government that can enforce laws,
But want world peace and believe in the cause.
The Big Five took a chance:
The US, UK, Russia, China, and France.
Probably at a table round like tortillas,
Discussing the Founding Charter and ideas.
Laying out what the UN can and should do,
Then 46 other nations came through.
They met in San Francisco to edit,
So 51 founding countries deserve credit.
On 10/24/1945,
All countries agreed, the UN came alive.
Their main goals are nation-building and peace.

Now, there's a 193 countries in the...

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The UN has received praise,

But also been criticized in ways.

The main complaint over which many glower

Is the Big Five countries have too much power.

They're on the UN Security Council

As permanent members, who don't ever have to bounce.

You'll find there's other reasons for the hating,

Some question the value of UN negotiation.

It's failed in the past, like in Somalia,

Where thousands of refugees died from starving, bruh,

Daily, during their civil war,

And the UN ceasefire was ignored.

In Rwanda many were slain.

The UN did not do enough, some complained.

It was genocide, so many people died.

Based on the UN goals, some think they let it slide.

But they have been praised if you didn't know,

Their agencies help people around the globe.

Like the World Health Organization,

That works to cure diseases countries are facing.

And through UNICEF, they work and fight

For the rights of children to give them a better life.

They've saved over 90 million lives

And even won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Many praise UN work, that's evident,

Like negotiating almost 200 peace settlements

And 600 international treaties.

Their stats could be written on the wall like graffiti.

They helped with the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Maybe they can help address ISIS.

Maybe one day you'll work for the UN.

Tell me are you out? Or are you in?

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