



SciMUNC XVII

JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEE

The Hunger Games JCC: The Tributes

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Letter from the Dais

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to our JCC! My name is Chrystal Mallouras and I will be your co-chair for this conference. I'm currently a senior at Bronx Science and this will be my third year as a part of the Model UN team. My journey with Model UN began when a friend recommended it to me and it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I started to love Model UN when I realized how much history was involved. Learning about the important historical events of many nations and how they evolved was fascinating. Model UN isn't only about history it's also about being diplomatic and throughout my time on this team I became more confident in my speaking skills. I learned how to make speeches on the spot and to speak up. Along with Model UN, I am a part of the Lacrosse Team and Greek club at Bronx Science and recently became the VP of tutoring of the NHS. I can't wait to see the solutions and storylines you will create to address this conflict. Be creative and don't be afraid to speak up! Looking forward to meeting you all, and feel free to email me with any questions at chrystalm@nycstudents.net.

Hello everyone! My name is Rainie Zheng and I will be your co-chair of the Joint Crisis Committee for the Tributes. I am a senior and this will be my third year on the Model UN team as well as my second year chairing for SCIMUNC. I've always loved The Hunger Games trilogy so being able to chair a committee surrounding it is such an honor. I'm so excited about the creative discussions and solutions that will occur during our committee. Although our committee takes place in the fictional country, Panem, delegates will face a multitude of real-world issues but don't be afraid of having fun and thinking outside the box. Outside of Model UN, I am a part of the Lunar Production Club and the DECA Club. I hope you all will enjoy being on this committee while developing important skills such as diplomacy, communication, problem-solving, and so much more. I am so excited to meet all of you! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and email me at rainiez@nycstudents.net.

Best,
Rainie Zheng and Chrystal Mallouras

Committee Description

A Joint Crisis Committee is made up of two separate committee rooms and contains the same topic but on opposing sides. The crisis arcs operate in the same universe and actions (crisis updates) from one committee affect the other. A Joint Crisis Crisis Committee contains a front room and a back room. The frontroom is the committee room containing the delegates and the chair, it is where directives will be passed (directives a a form of resolution paper but shorter and will be done more often). Directives use resources from the committee and can result in military actions, rebellions, press releases, alliances, and more. Directives from the front room alert the backroom to what has occurred and the back room contains the Crisis Director and assistants who respond to notes and directives. That is where your crisis arc will take place and it's vital to have backups, as many could be shot down.

Background Information

Panem

The Hunger Games is a dystopian series that takes place in Panem, a country that forms a post-apocalyptic North America. Panem was established after the collapse of North America and resulted in the Capitol having power in the Rocky Mountains. In the years that followed, Panem expanded across the continent and formed 13 districts that covered the US, Canada, and Mexico. The government of Panem became a totalitarian dictatorship and a police state where each district was at the mercy of the Capitol and responsible for producing goods of a certain industry. The Capitol is the ruling government of Panem where the wealthiest people in the nation live. The Capitol is far more technologically advanced than the other districts. The Capitol often sends its military, also known as the Peacekeepers, into the districts to enforce their rules and laws. Even with the advanced technology and wealth amassed by each district, it was strictly controlled by the Capitol, and its citizens were the only ones reaping the full benefits of the nation's resources.

Each of the districts is responsible for a different part of Panem economy containing unique characteristics and specializing in different industries such as mining, agriculture, technology, and more. Members of District 1 were the wealthiest of the districts and specialized in jewelry and other luxury items. District 2 was located in the Rocky Mountains and had the largest population. It also contained wealthy citizens and focused on masonry and weapon manufacturing. District 3 centered around technology and produced objects such as televisions and computers. Next was District 4 which specialized in fishing. These citizens like those from districts 1 through 3 were wealthy and good-looking. District 5 powered Panem and dealt with electricity and power. Most of the citizens worked on the hydroelectric dam. District 6 focused on transportation through Panem. Next District 7, surrounded by trees, dealt with lumber. District 8 specialized in textiles producing uniforms. District 9 focused on grain production and District 10 on livestock, supplying meat to the Capitol. Next District 11 was believed to be one of the largest in Panem. Its industry consisted of agriculture and was covered in orchards, farms, and crop fields. However, it was a very poor

district with its inhabitants living in shacks. Finally, District 12 was the smallest and poorest district that specialized in coal mining. Originally there were 13 districts in Panem however a rebellion against the Capitol resulted in the destruction of District 13 and the creation of the Hunger Games.

The Hunger Games

After the rebellion of District 13, the Capitol created the Hunger Games to instill power and fear into the people. The Hunger Games was an annual televised event that required each district to yield one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18 through a lottery system. Those chosen were known as tributes and were forced to fight until their death. The remaining survivor is crowned victor. As a result, the victor gains wealth and exemption from entering any other game.

Most of the tributes have an equal chance except for the tributes from District 1 known as the “careers”. Since the Careers are from the wealthiest district, they have been trained for the games since they were young. The 24 tributes are then taken to the arena that consists of traps and challenges

which is also broadcasted to the Capitol. The tributes undergo training to learn skills from mentors who are victors of previous games. Throughout the games, the tributes also have the opportunity to gain sponsors that can send gifts of food, medicine, and other useful items. Tributes are permitted to form alliances to win the game which contains new challenges each day such as blood rain, acid fog, carnivorous monkeys, a tidal wave, and being killed by other tributes. At some point in the game, the “feast” happens where crucial supplies are provided for the remaining tributes to fight for. Eventually, there is only one survivor and a victor is declared. The victor then returns to their district with wealth and fame.

Main Committee Topic

Current Status of Panem

The first book takes place during the 74th Hunger Games. There were many important tributes during this game but many remained unnamed. The tributes consist of Marvel and Glimmer from District 1, Cato and Clove from District 2, Marina from District 4, “Foxface” from District 5, Thresh and Rue from District 11, and Katniss and Peeta from District 12. The tributes form alliances and manage to kill each other one by one. Career Tributes Glimmer, Clove, Marvel, and Cato trained in their districts to win the Hunger Games and are the strongest tributes. However, Katniss and Peeta use their strengths and abilities to emerge as the final two victors. They are expected to fight to the death in order for the games to end and one victor to be crowned. Instead, they decide to rebel. Instead of fighting, they both threaten to eat poisonous berries and commit a double suicide. The Capitol soon realizes this act of rebellion will undermine its power and control over the games. To prevent a negative image and potential uprisings the act of rebellion could cause, the game makers intervene to declare both Katniss and Peeta victors. Although the Capitol believes they prevented future

uprisings, Katniss and Peeta's act of rebellion inspires hope throughout the districts. As Victors Katniss and Peeta live in luxurious homes in District 12's Victors' Village.

75th Hunger Games

The 75th Hunger Games (also known as the Quarter Quell) is different from the annual games. The Quarter Quell occurs every 25 years. Rather than tributes being randomly selected from each district, tributes are picked from a pool of previous Hunger Games victors. Those selected are forced to participate again. The Quarter Quell is another form of punishment to end any sort of rebellious acts. The committee session will begin with the following tributes in the arena after being selected to participate in the 75th Hunger Games.

District 1: Gloss and Cashmere, District 2: Brutus and Enobaria, District 3: Beetee Latier and Wiress, District 4: Finnick Odair and Mags, District 7: Blight and Johanna Mason, District 8: Woof and Cecelia, District 11: Chaff and Seeder, District 12: Katniss and Peeta. Delegates will be given the freedom to form their own crisis arcs focused on survival; however it's important

to keep in mind the ideals of the character they are representing.

Rebellion: The Second Committee Session

Will be a result of the 75th Hunger Games and the actions taken by the Capitol in the connected crisis committee. Tributes will have different enemies, specifically the Capitol in this committee session. It is important research is done on Capitol citizens as well.

Possible Solutions

Throughout Panem's history, there have been many acts of defiance done against the capital. One particular rebellion as previously mentioned was the largest and most disruptive. It was known as the First Rebellion and originated from District 13 known for mining graphite but its hidden industry was nuclear technology. The oppression that ensued for years under the totalitarian regime of the Capitol nurtured feelings of resentment and dissent among the districts. The war began with rebels who began disseminating arms and communication to their rebels throughout the districts.

The Civil War

The war reached the entirety of Panem and led to many casualties. Months into the war, a major rebel air raid immobilized the Capitol. Bomb shelters were assigned to almost every citizen. To make matters worse, frequent blackouts are caused in the Capitol due to District 5's interference with the electricity. And so air raid sirens became unreliable leaving citizens off guard during a raid. The Capital staged many executions in the Capitol Arena which made that area a target for bombers. As a way to retaliate the Capitol used genetically modified mutations against the rebels. One example was the tracker jackers placed around the districts along with jabber rays used to spy on rebels. District 13 managed to provide support to rebels for two years mainly due to its military arsenal, for those two years the Capitol was cut off from supplies and many citizens faced starvation. Rebels then attempted to end the siege and enter the Capitol itself by climbing the Rocky Mountains. They were exposed to Capitol aircraft leading to heavy rebel casualties that turned the war in favor of the Capitol.

Final Phase of the War: Dark Days

After losing their advantage, District 13 decided to abandon its allies in the other districts and attempt to become independent. To do so they seized a part of the Capitol's nuclear arsenal targeting the city and threatened mutually assured destruction if the Capitol didn't agree to grant them independence. In exchange for withdrawal from the rebel war, the Capitol would provide them with freedom but the nation of Panem made an illusion that the district was destroyed. The Capitol reluctantly agreed and so District 13 removed its military forces and populace to an underground complex. The Capitol then repeatedly carpet-bombed the surface of District 13 and used the ruins as propaganda to spark fear of rebellion. The loss of military support from District 13's military left it to the district at the mercy of the Capitol and the final phase, dark days, contained the Capitol overrunning any and all rebel resistance pacifying each district under the rule of the Capitol.

To prevent future rebellions the Treaty of Treason was signed and enforced strict restrictions on the districts ending inter-district travel and communication, and

increased surveillance and punishment enforced by the peacekeepers. The final part of the Treaty was the founding of the Hunger Games as a cruel reminder of the result of any rebellion against the Capitol.

Smaller acts of dissent still occurred in Panem, however, they were much smaller. Katniss and Gale for instance would actively hunt for food in District 12 despite it being strictly prohibited by the Capitol. They would crawl under a metal gate into the woods in order to hunt for food forced to keep hidden from the peacekeepers who if discovered would order a public lynching. Another act of dissent would be when Prim was drafted into the Hunger Games and Katniss chose to go in her place. When Effie Trinket, the escort for the District 12 tributes asks the crowd to applaud Katniss, they all remain silent and rather touch their three middle fingers and hold it out to her.

Questions to Consider:

1. How do the unique character and personality traits of each tribute affect the alliances that can be made?
 2. How can the strengths of each character benefit and act as a disadvantage?
 3. How can tributes get the attention of the Capitol while in the arena?
 4. In what ways can tributes rebel against the Capitol while keeping themselves out of harm's way?
 5. How do past experiences of each tribute affect their viewpoint of the Capitol and the Hunger Games?
 6. How can working alone benefit the tributes, or why should it be avoided?
 7. What does the Capitol want to see happen to the tributes?
 8. What do Capitol citizens think of each tribute?
 9. How can tributes use Capitol citizens to their advantage?
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Bloc Positions

Katniss Everdeen

Raised in District 12 by her mother, a healer, and her father who died in a mining accident when she was 11. Katniss is a highly skilled archer and hunter, thanks to the lessons from her father. Quick reflexes, speed, and flexibility helped her survive the 74th Hunger Games with Peeta Mellark, a close friend and partner. She is a quick thinker and actively takes steps to defy the Capitol when she poaches in District 12 and tricks the Capitol into crowning two victors for the first time in Panem history. Katniss is selfless and takes the place of her sister Primrose when she gets reaped.

Peeta Mellark

Raised in District 12, the son of a baker. Reaped alongside Katniss in the 74th Hunger Games he used his art skills, ability to lie, and strength to be crowned a victor alongside her. Peeta is known for being likable and charismatic. He is a great public speaker and used that to his advantage during his time as a tribute.

Finnick Odair

Raised in District 4 and the previous victor of the 65th Hunger Games. Finnick was trained by Mags Flanagan and won the games at the age of 14, the youngest victor to win. Finnick is very popular among Capitol citizens and has immense charm. He is skilled at close-quarters combat, throwing nets, and fighting with spears.

Johanna Mason

Raised in District 7 which is known for producing lumber. She developed great skills with wielding an ax. Johanna was the victor of the 71st Hunger Games and was chosen four years later to become a tribute in the third Quarter Quell. She was the third youngest tribute during the third Quarter Quell after Katniss and Peeta. Johanna is known for her strong survival skills and her ability to break the rules.

Beetee Latier

Raised in District 3 and participated in the 75th Hunger Games. Beetee was a previous victor of an unknown hunger game. Beetee is an expert in electronics and wiring. He is known for his intelligence and resourcefulness.

Gloss Nicholo

Raised in District 1 and brother to Cashmere. Gloss is a victor of the 63rd Hunger Games and was chosen to participate in the third Quarter Quell. Gloss uses his combat skills and Capitol-approved training to his advantage. He and his sisters with Cashmere are known as the "Careers".

Cashmere Nicholo

Raised in District 1 and is sister to Gloss. Cashmere is the victor of the 64th Hunger Games chosen to participate in the third Quarter Quell. Cashmere had many sponsors and killed a considerable amount of tributes.

Mags Flanagan

Raised in District 4 and is an elderly woman. Mags is a skilled and experienced survivor. Mags is known for her wisdom, and kindness, and becomes a mentor to Finnick Odair who is also from District 4. Mags is an expert in fishing and the arena's dangers.

Wiress Plummer

Raised in District 3 and victor of an unspecified Hunger Game who also is

participating in the third Quarter Quell.

Wiress was always one step ahead of others, most well-understood by Beetee. Wiress has immense knowledge about the arena and the obstacles to be faced.

Brutus Gunn

Raised in District 2 and was the victor of an unknown Hunger Games and is a participant in the third Quarter Quell. Because Brutus is a Career tribute, Brutus is brutal with his animal-like nature. Brutus is very skilled when it comes to his training.

Chaff Mitchel

Raised in District 11 and was the victor of the 45th Hunger Games participating in the third Quarter Quell. After Chaff wins the 45th Hunger Games, he loses a hand in the process and refuses a prosthetic replacement from the Capitol doctors. After his victory, he turned to alcohol, to cope with his trauma and became friends with Haymitch Abernathy.

Enobaria Golding

Raised in District 2 which is known for combat and training careers. Enobaria is the victor of the 62nd Hunger Games where she uses her sharp teeth to her advantage.

Enobaria volunteers for the third Quarter Quell. Enobaria is known for her combat skills and brutality with her teeth.

Seeder Howell

Raised in District 11 and victor of an unspecified Hunger Games chose to participate in the Quarter Quell. A very kind, gentle, and polite woman. She mentored Chaff through the 45th Hunger Games.

Woof Casino

Raised in District 8 and victor of an unspecified Hunger Games who also is participating in the third Quarter Quell. He was a mentor for District 8 tributes who competed after him regardless of his old age. Woof is the second oldest tribute to participate in the 75th Hunger Games.

Cecelia Sanchez

Raised in District 8 and victor of an unspecified Hunger Game. Reaped around 30 years of age with 3 children who clung to her as she was chosen. Close to her fellow tribute Woof uses the sword as her choice of weapon.

Male Morphling:

Raised in District 6 and the victor of an unspecified Hunger Games. Became a painter after winning and morphling addict. (Morphling is a powerful painkiller used to treat severe injuries and illnesses). Uses camouflage to hide from other tributes.

Female Morphling

Raised in District 6 and victor of an unspecified Hunger Games. Used morphling after becoming a victor to relieve herself of the painful memories. Used camouflage like her District 6 counterpart to hide from other tributes.

Tiffany Waxler

District 10 female and victor of unspecified Hunger Games. In her early 30's she reaped from the 75th Hunger Games. Became a mentor to other tributes from District 10. Skilled at knives and ropes.

Jackson Spidell

District 10 male and victor of unspecified Hunger Games. In his mid 20s, he reaped from 75th Hunger Games. Resourceful but easily distrustful of others. Skilled at speed and foraging.
