

The Ursuline School Model United Nations Conference

The 75th Hunger Games

Joint Crisis Committee

The Capitol

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Meet Crisis

Dear Delegates,

Welcome delegates to TUSMUNC IV's Hunger Games JCC!!! We are so excited to have all of you, even under these strange circumstances with the COVID-19. Everyone on Ursuline's Model UN team has worked for hours tirelessly to make sure that this conference, though completely online, will not lack any of our normal MUN excitement and experiences.

My name is Morgan Adamson and I am a Junior at Ursuline. Some returning delegates might know me from TUSMUNC II, when I worked in the Thomas Sankara committee or TUSMUNC III, when I worked in the Yemen committee. This is my third year on Ursuline's Model UN team and I have learned countless skills here, such as public speaking, debating, how to research properly, and gaining more confidence. I hope that you, too, can learn and enhance these skills during our conference.

When I'm not doing Model UN activities, I am writing newspaper articles for the school paper Unison, acting in Ursuline's play and musicals, helping in Ursulines Athletic club, leading my local youth group, Challenge, playing with my golden retriever Bella, or watching The 100.

This committee is based on the third book of the Hunger Games Trilogy, the Mockingjay. In this simulation, many events have been altered or removed to ease the flow of debate so please read through the background guide carefully before doing outside research. This background guide provides a baseline of all the information that is necessary for this committee and contains vital information but also feel free to do any outside research. In this committee you will be solving the multitude of problems in Panem while also trying to further your own goals and using the Mockingjay to your advantage. I can't wait to "see" all of you resolve this problem via

zoom and hope you all have a fun, educational, and exciting time during our committee. Please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions!

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Greetings, Delegates! Welcome to the fourth annual TUSMUNC, and to the Hunger Games JCC. My name is Angelica Cruz, and I am a Junior here at Ursuline. This is my second year in Model UN, and my very first TUSMUNC! I originally joined MUN to further my interest in international affairs and improve my public speaking skills, and quickly became captivated by the fast paced and unpredictable climate of the club.

I take pride in my involvement in various clubs here at Ursuline, such as Diversity Alliance and Women for Women. Like Model UN, these clubs allow me to participate in discussions about important issues in the world today. Outside of school, I am a dancer. I've been dancing for 13 years, and my favorite styles are contemporary, jazz, and ballet. I'm also an artist, my favorite media being charcoal. When I'm not discussing foreign and domestic issues, lacing up my pointe shoes, or sketching one of my friends, you can definitely find me listening to Taylor Swift's album *folklore* on repeat.

After many hours of preparation, we have created a joint crisis simulation that encapsulates the differing worlds of both District 13 and the Capitol during the 75th Hunger Games. Despite being a virtual committee, we are so excited to see you all solve the crisis at hand through discussion, collaboration, and debate. Like any other MUN conference, we expect full dedication from you, the delegates, but we know you all have that covered. Good luck, and in the words of Ms. Effie Trinket, "may the odds be ever in your favor!"

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Background

Welcome to the 75th Annual Hunger Games! In this simulation, you will be able to solve the problems due to the upcoming rebellion in Panem. Several events within this committee have been altered to create an easier flow of debate and an overall more enjoyable conference. Some things that have been altered are: the bombing of District 12, and the events currently happening within the 75th Annual Hunger Games.

Currently, while the 75th Annual Hunger Games ensues, the committee within the Capitol is planning how to properly stop tensions that are leading to the Capitol while simultaneously taking down District 13 and all those against the Capitol and Panem.. Each delegate has their own skills and powers that are vital to the survival of Panem and the Capitol. Many different perspectives are seen in this committee and not every delegate's morals are as they seem, in fact, there are even rebel sympathizers and new dictators who wish to rise to power among you. Keep this in mind while making allies and creating blocks. Remember your positions and the committee's interest may not always coincide. Each delegate will have different ideas and solutions for each of these topics and also personal information about these topics.

With tensions rising in the Districts, the Mockingjay becoming a more and more powerful symbol of Rebellion, District 13 becoming more a threat every hour, a war seems to be inevitable within Panem. President Snow has been cracking down harder than ever on any sign of rebellion, which is aggravating citizens more and making rebellion seem like a more likely occurrence everyday. District 13 has been biding their time and slowly gaining support within the Districts, which must be immediately stopped if the Capitol is to keep its power, but they must tread lightly. While the Capitol has its own nuclear war arsenal, so does District 13, which

the Capitol is well aware of. Because of this they are now and have been in a mutually assured destruction agreement, where if many of them make any sudden movement, both will be destroyed. This has made these tensions stay just tensions and not erupt into a full-out war.

The general goal of this committee is to stop these tensions with the Districts, especially District 13, in whatever way each position feels fit. Each topic is a tool that can be used to achieve this goal and debate about each of them is in no doubt going to be stimulating. Each delegate can give a unique perspective and has just unique attributes that are vital to this debate. Do not believe that just because your role is small it is unimportant - any delegate and form the flow of debate. And with that let the Games begin!

The Threat of District 13

As many know, during the First Rebellion, the Capitol allowed District 13 to quietly succeed from Panem as long as they ensured that they would stop funding the rebellion and act as though they had been completely destroyed. They did this because of the threat of mutually-assured destruction, with both the Capitol and District 13 having nuclear arsenals to use. Since then District 13 has been relatively peaceful and quiet, sliding under the Capitol's radar and seemingly biding their time until they are able to once again create a rebellion and try to free Panem. Because of the previously mentioned mutually-assured destruction, neither the Capitol or District 13 can make any outright moves against one another until a full fledged and flawless plan has been forged. Recently though, tensions within the Districts have started to rise increasingly and all of the means to start a rebellion seem to be falling into place. Because of this, District 13 has started to be less discreet in their fight against the Capitol, and the Capitol

has started to notice. Tensions have been at record high levels between both District 13 and the Capitol, the other Districts and the Capitol, and Capitol citizens against each other. This is making the Capitol and the leaders panic and tensions are high. It feels as though any wrong move from either side can cause a war that none of Panem will survive. While many in the Capitol want to quell this rebellion and stop District 13 from furthering any potential agendas, it must be done correctly. Because of this, delegates must tread very lightly while handling any tensions with District 13 and must have a clearly developed plan with many supporters before declaring war. Some questions to consider: How to properly extract the Mockingjay without initiating a war? How to gain enough supporters? How to shut down, at least temporarily, District 13 and its nuclear power? How to covertly spread propaganda and stop the spread of District 13 propaganda? How to ease tensions between District 13 and the Capitol? How to win a potential war?

How to Use the Mockingjay

At this point in our simulation, Katniss Everdeen along with Peeta Mellark, Johanna Mason, Finnick O'Dair, and Beetee are all within the 75th Hunger Games arena. At this time the game makers are seemingly placing all odds against Katniss, most likely at President Cornelius Snow's urging. There seems to be plans by many external sources trying to save Katniss Everdeen and attempts to use her to further their rebellion efforts. Other tributes currently in the arena that could be of use: Gloss Nicholo, Cashmere Nicholo, Enobaria Golding, Brutus Gunn, James Logan, Ivette Li-Sanchez, Justin Hix, Megan Hayes, Blight Jordan, Cecelia Sanchez, Woolf Casino, Daniel Bernhardt, Marian Greene, Jackson Spidell, Tiffany Waxler, Chaff

Mitchell, Seeder Howell. All of these tributes could be of use within the games in regards to Katniss Everdeen. As all the delegates are currently in the Capitol, there are Game Makers and those who influence the Games within the committee that can alter and sway events happening to their own favor to help those surrounding them. While outright saving or killing Katniss in the Game via these Game Makers are not allowed, these Game Makers can make the tribute's lives significantly easier or harder. The Hunger Games also serve as entertainment, propaganda, and a distraction to those not only in the Districts, but also the Capitol. Interference in the Games can unnecessarily lengthen or shorten the Games, make it no longer serve as a means of propaganda, or no longer make it enjoyable enough to distract citizens. All of these factors must be considered as they can cause more chaos within the Games. The objective within the games varies from individual to individual. As a delegate one can either try to influence games to save or eliminate Katniss, or any other tribute that would help or hinder one's goals. Some questions to consider - How can you influence the Games? What purpose does Katniss Everdeen and the other tributes serve for you? Do you want to save or harm Katniss? How will what is happening in the Games affect the other Districts, including District 13? Will this make the plans that District 13 seems to have failed, happen sooner, not happen at all?

Dissent between the Capitol and Lower Districts

Recently tensions have been at an all time high between the Capitol and everyone in every district and even recently within the Capitol. The Mockingjay has unofficially become the symbol of dissent and unrest in every corner of Panem. It seems as though putting Katniss Everdeen back into the Games has only made matters worse with this unrest and now

Peacekeepers have been in all the Districts none stop shutting down any signs of Rebellion. The citizens are becoming restless under this leadership and it feels as though almost every single item needed to create a war between the Districts is in play. While all the Districts currently have some kinds of unrest, it is very prevalent in the Lower Districts, especially District 12. District 12 is the home of Katniss Everdeen and because of this directly after she left and the Games began, unrest and dissent came to an absolute high point. While in the original text, *The Mockingjay*, District 12 was not attacked by Peacekeepers and bombed until directly after Katniss's exiting of the 75th Hunger Games this will not be the case in this simulation. In this simulation, to create more engaging debate with more original positions, District 12 was bombed directly after Katniss's false pregnancy announcement and had currently been kept quiet from the rest of the Districts and those in the Capitol outside this committee. If the Districts all band together and rise, especially with potential backing from District 13, could absolutely destroy everyone within the Capitol. The current line of attack to quell the unrest in the Districts is to push direct pressure on all of the citizens of Panem. This has caused controversy within the Capitol and even more unrest within the Districts. While the Districts are still fearful, they are also still hopeful that the Mockingjay and the Rebellion will save them, this makes them harder to oppress than before. Some questions to consider are: Is this method the best approach to the situation? How does this committee crush the District's hope? How should the committee react if they do in fact rebel? What Districts are most likely to rebel? Which district's rebellion puts the Capitol most at risk?

Positions

President Coriolanus Snow - President Snow is the president and leader of Panem. Before he became president he went by the name of Coryo, which was given to him by Tigris. He attended the academy in the Capitol and mentored the winning tribute of the 10th Hunger Games. He later advanced to the military studies at the University. He served a brief stint in the Peacekeepers and later tested successfully for an elite program to become an officer with the Peacekeeper.

Cedar Underpath - Cedar Underpath is the Military Strategist for the Capitol and Panem as a whole. He gives advice and military knowledge to President Snow about military strategies to keep out unwanted visitors and external forces, but also to keep mutiny within Panem at bay. He is extremely analytical and is constantly thinking of all of the angles for every problem, similar to President Snow. Underpath is mostly the closest person that President Snow can get to trusted and he doesn't take that lightly.

Mist Oceanstar - Cedar Underpath is the Press Secretary for President Snow. She coordinates the press releases and propaganda campaigns for President Snow and the Capitol. With this comes great responsibility as President Snow will find her at fault for any mistakes made with these campaigns. She also works with the Hunger Games Gamemakers in creating an entertaining viewing of the Hunger Games.

Valora Wellwillow - Valora has been an assistant gamemaker for years. She's been patiently waiting for the right moment to become a full gamemaker. She lives for the action and thrill of

controlling the Hunger Games. Valora has been repeatedly passed up for a promotion to a full gamemaker, something that she does not take lightly. She was raised in the Capitol and enjoys her single life here.

Celestia Snow - Celestia Snow is the granddaughter of President Snow and currently goes to many events with other elite's children within District 13. She at one point was a sympathizer for Katniss Everdeen, but President Snow swayed her away from any of these notions. As she lives with President Snow, she has the "inside scoop" about all of President Snow's orders and acts and is listening a lot more than Snow suspects. Though she is aware of his cruelties, she still stands with him wholeheartedly as she worships and cherishes her grandfather.

Ash Peacepath - Axe Peace Path is the Head Guard of all of the Peacekeepers within all of the Districts. He runs and operates his Peacekeeper units through his military officers in the Capitol. He is constantly watching every move his Peace Keepers make and getting reports from each district with their behavior to then send to President Snow. It is through him that President Snow sends all of his orders to the PeaceKeepers and it is from where he gets his information about Peacekeepers from. While these Peacekeepers are reporting directly to Ash Peacepath, they still give all of their loyalty, and fear, to President Snow. This does not mean that he does not have a respectable amount of power over these PeaceKeepers, as was said before, he does give them all direct command.

Prongs Everway - Prongs Everway is the mentor of District 9. He won the Games decades ago, and because of this he knows the Games and the Capitol inside out. It is his genuine belief that

the way to win the Games is to win the favor of president Snow and the viewers in the Capitol. That has been his strategy for years, and while it has rarely worked, it is more successful than other strategies the lower districts have in place. He wants to finally bring back a win, and an alive tribute, back to District 9 and is willing to do anything to get there.

Xavier Packard - Xavier Packard is a District 3 mentor who has helped as a mentor and his tributes have won 6 Hunger Games. He does not care about block or the rebellion all he cares about is having more District 3 wins attributed to him. He will side with anyone and any singular block as long as they can secure a win and though he once was a tribute, he does not want an end to the Hunger Games, instead he wants a spot in the Capitol.

Phoenix Littlecreek - Phoenix Littlecreek is the District 5 mentor. He has no faith in Panem, the Capitol, the Games, or anything related to them. He has lost all hope and it is obvious in his mentorship skills. As a District 5 citizen, he is well versed in power and is still respected in the Capitol as he does reluctantly help with problems with their power source. All he wants is an end to the Hunger Games but he does not see that happening anytime soon, if at all.

Electra Clearworth - Electra Clearworth has worked for the Snow family and Capitol officials for her entire life. She always worked her whole life and was only ever mistreated by those in power. Her negative experiences with the Capitol officials have not pushed her to think only of herself and her young daughter. She also in the past was a frequent visitor to Finnick O'Dair and his "services." Through Finnick she was able to learn many of the secrets about others in the

capitol, which she can use to her advantage at any time, and also learned in-depth about the atrocities of the Games. This makes her extremely sympathetic to those within the Games.

Annie Cresta - Annie Cresta is best known for winning the 70th Hunger Games as a District 4 victor. She was chosen as a tribute for the 75th Hunger Games, but her mentor Madge gracefully volunteered in her place. She is right now in the capitol as a mentor for both Finnick and Madge and is trying to gain sponsors for them both. Like Electra, Cresta learned many secrets about the capitol citizens from Finnick O'Dair. She wants Finnick to survive through the Games and also take care of all of his allies within the Games for as long as possible.

Silver Skyvale - Silver Skyvale is an apprentice gamemaker for the 75th annual Hunger Games. This is the first year that she has any affiliation to the Hunger Games and there is not much known about her prior to her promotion. As an apprentice she is able to see all that happens inside the Game room and with the Gamemakers, but she is not allowed to interfere or impact the Games in any way. During the 75th annual Hunger Games she at most can influence gamemakers decisions and learn the art of Game Making itself. As many know, becoming a gamemaker is a very risky career choice, one that is rarely truly a choice, and because of this Silver Skyvale is aware that any risks she makes can cost her her life.

Trinkey Whitehill - Trinket Whitehill is a victor from District 4. She is currently the mentor to Finnick and Mags and is currently in the capitol securing sponsors and allies. Trinkey is very charismatic and well liked by most within the capitol. Similar to Finnick she finds that her charm

will get her farther than her aggression. She also facilitated the allyship between Katniss and Finnick and seems to have quite a close relationship with Haymitch Abernathy.

Raven Whitelock - Raven Whitelock is a victor from District 7 and currently a mentor of Johanna Mason, tribute in the 75th Hunger Games. It seems as though they always have a trick up their sleeve and an angle that can alter debate at the drop of a hat. While cunning, Whitelock usually likes to stay unnoticed, which is how they won their own games. This helps Whitelock collect information that they can use to their advantage at any time.

Haymitch Abernathy - Haymitch was the mentor of District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark in the 74th Hunger Games, and now, for the Quarter Quell. While his traumatic experience with the capitol during his own Games has made Haymitch cynical and prone to alcoholism, he is inspired by Katniss and Peeta's willingness to defy the capitol. Haymitch's main goal is to stop the Games by uniting the tributes together and to keep Katniss alive. Because he is a victor, Haymitch understands the Games and how they function and can use that to his advantage while making allies.

Effie Trinket - Effie was also the Capitol Escort of Peeta Mellark and Katniss Everdeen in the 74th Hunger Games. While she was first blind to the reality of the Games, having been brought up in the Capitol, her relationship with Peeta and Katniss made her see the harsh realities. She hopes to see Katniss and Peeta once again win Games through her higher connections as a Capitol resident. She is also allied with any other mentors within the Games in hopes to secure a win for District 12 once again.

Plutarch Heavensbee - Plutarch Heavensbee is the Head Gamemaker in the 75th Hunger Games. He has studied the Games for years and knows everything about the arena, tributes, mentors, and challenges. While he does take orders from President Snow, just as any other game maker when necessary, primarily creates the Games flow himself. With that being said he can make the Games harder or easier at any point for any individual tribute, but at a cost. As Head Gamemaker, he is in charge of creating an entertaining show exactly as President Snow intends it to be, and if he does not do this he will be severely punished.

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