



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Crisis: Game of Thrones -
War of the Five Kings

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Dear delegates,

Welcome to CAMUN's modified simulation of *Game of Thrones* War of Five Kings. We are your co-chairs, Will Tran and Melanie Tapia. We are ecstatic to be your chairs for this committee. We are particularly delighted to have your participation this year, and we know your knowledge, skill and positive attitude will be a boon for this virtual committee.

A little about myself, Will Tran: I am a junior at CA, and my first experience with Model UN was as a delegate in seventh grade. Since then, I have participated in many different conferences. This will be my second year leading a committee for CAMUN. I have always enjoyed Model UN, and I hope this committee will be just as enjoyable for you as it will be for me. And I, Melanie Tapia, am also a junior who has participated in multiple conferences since my freshman year. This will be my first year leading a committee for CAMUN, so I'm excited and looking forward to working with all of you!

As a one-day conference, CAMUN requires no position papers, and no directives should be pre-written. You are welcome to send us a position paper if you desire. As a crisis committee this committee will be fast paced and unpredictable. This background guide will hopefully act as a starting point for your research, and if you haven't watched *Game of Thrones*, there are many spoilers ahead! However, events will likely not happen as they did in canon—delegates should prepare themselves for many unexpected events to be announced by the crisis team. Most importantly, have fun!

Sincerely,

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Introduction

Welcome to Westeros, a world that combines the chaotic court politics of Imperial China, the warfare of Medieval Europe, and dragons. For the most part this committee will be based on the TV series *Game of Thrones*. That being said, elements of the book the series was based on, *A Song of Ice and Fire*, might make their way into committee through crisis updates. Furthermore, because this is a crisis committee, chronological events may be somewhat bent to better fit the MUN mold.

At the start of the committee, there are five loosely defined factions. These factions and their members will likely change throughout the committee, as alliances will have to be quickly made and broken. Faction number one is the Stark faction. Composed of Riverlanders and Northerners, the primary goal of this faction is vengeance for Ned Stark. That being said, delegates within this faction may find themselves pushing other agendas forward, such as independence. The next faction is the Lannister faction. This faction is composed of various members of House Lannister each with their own agenda. That being said, there is one underlying goal, namely keeping a king with Lannister blood on the Iron Throne. King Stannis Baratheon leads the next faction, one that loyally believes he is the true king of Westeros. Their current primary goal is to put Stannis Baratheon on the Iron Throne, no matter the costs. Renly Baratheon and the Tyrells lead the next faction. Their faction's goal is to put Renly Baratheon on the Iron throne, but they aren't as fanatically loyal as Stannis's faction. The next faction is Dorne. Dorne lost a lot in Robert's Rebellion, so their primary goal is justice. Within this faction, the idea of justice may take on many forms depending on individuals' goals. Lastly, we have the Greyjoy faction. This faction's primary goal is to bring wealth and power to the Iron Islands. What form that power takes is up to the individuals. To reiterate, these factions and the members that compose them are not set in stone for the duration of the committee, this is merely a guide for what the face of Westeros looks like at the beginning of the committee.

Buildup

This committee takes place right after the events of the episode *Baelor*. As of now, all of Westeros has just learned that Eddard Stark was beheaded by Joffery Baratheon on the charges of Treason. Everything in Westeros leading up to this point will be considered canon for the sake of the committee. This includes the various rumors regarding who is the rightful King of Westeros. The North faction and the Stannis faction believe that Joffery Baratheon and his siblings are actually children of Cersei Lannister and her brother, and isn't the rightful ruler of Westeros, a role that falls upon Stannis. The Lannister factions believe these rumors to be merely bad propaganda. Yet there is a new threat on the horizon—Daenerys Targaryn has somehow speed run all of Essos and is now sailing

from Mereen with an armada and three dragons. Somehow she managed to do this without the help of any Westeros factions, and she is now coming to claim the Iron Throne with fire and blood. Delegates will have to deal with not only the fallout from Ned Stark's execution, but also deal with a determined Targaryn on the horizon.

The last time dragons and Targareyns invaded Westeros, all of the seven kingdoms were forcibly united under one banner. The details of Daenerys' army are shrouded in mystery, all that is known to this committee is that she successfully broke Slaver's Bay and now has an army of various factions, all of which are extremely threatening for the stability of Westeros should they choose to resist her. This committee will need to be aware of the various factions under Daenerys command. The backbone of her army is made up of fanatically loyal elite soldiers known as the Unsullied; they will fight to the death and then some. Daeneys also commands numerous Dothraki, extremely skilled horse warriors. What they lack in discipline they make up for in sheer aggression. Daeneys also has the backing of several sellsword companies, the largest of which is The Second Sons, although most of them are left in Mereen. Lastly, but certainly not least, she also has control over three young dragons, filled with love for her and fire for everyone else.

Goal of the Committee

There is no true overall goal of the committee. There are many paths the members of this committee may take—perhaps they will unify, or perhaps they will fall into never-ending civil war. For this type of crisis committee, the role of the chair and crisis team is to react to the decisions members of the committee take. Still, members will focus on accomplishing the quickly changing goals of their factions. Delegates will need to form alliances and work together, but more often than not these will probably be alliances of necessity. Delegates should realistically expect backstabbing from other delegates, mostly political backstabbing but perhaps some assassinations as well. In a crisis committee like this one, delegates must remember that the crisis team is not their friend. Considering the subject matter, some crises are likely to be rather vicious.

Members of the Committee

1. Balon Greyjoy

Lord Balon is head of House Greyjoy as well as Lord of the Iron Islands. He is father to Theon Greyjoy and older brother to Euron Greyjoy. The Iron Islands are inhabited by the Ironborn whose naval skills go unmatched by any other faction. Lord Balon wants to commandeer the Iron Throne so he can revive the "Old Way" as King. He is willing

to “pay the iron price” by force, seizing any possessions and wealth that come across his path.

2. Theon Greyjoy

The only living male heir to Lord Balon Greyjoy. After Eddard Stark was beheaded, Theon Greyjoy pledged his loyalty to Robb Stark. Theon wields limited influence in the northern camp and in the Iron Islands.

3. Doran Martell

Prince Doran Martell is the head of House Martell and ruler over Dorne. He is also the older brother of Oberyn Martell. The Iron Throne permits the Martells to maintain their laws and status in Westeros.

4. Oberyn Martell

Prince Oberyn Martell is a member of the House Martell, the ruling family of Dorne. Oberyn is the younger brother of Doran Martell. During his travels Oberyn founded a small sellsword company. Prince Oberyn has a small network of spies from his travels, and contacts in the Citadel. He also sends his children on spy missions to collect intel.

5. Stannis Baratheon

King Stannis Baratheon the Lord of Dragonstone and older brother of Renly Baratheon. He is the commander of the Stannis faction. King Stannis actively campaigns for the Iron Throne. Dragonstone was once home to Daenerys Targaryen as it is the ancestral seat of House Targaryen.

6. Davos Seaworth

Lord Davos Seaworth was appointed knighthood by Stannis Baratheon and served as Hand of the King. Davos has multiple naval contacts and with his past as a smuggler, he has the ability to travel anywhere by boat without being detected.

7. Renly Baratheon

- a. Renly Baratheon is the Lord Paramount of The Stormlands and is Lord of Storm's End. Renly was chosen to be the head of House Baratheon over his older brother Stannis. Even though he is fourth in line to the Iron Throne behind his nephews Joffrey and Tommen and his brother Stannis, Renly has made an active claim for the Iron Throne. He is also quite popular at court.

8. Tywin Lannister

Tywin Lannister is the head of House Lannister, Lord of Casterly Rock, Warden of the West, Lord Paramount of the Westerlands. He is the father of Cersei, Jaime, and Tyrion Lannister, and sole grandfather to Joffrey Baratheon. House Lannister controls the Westerlands because Tywin is considered one of the richest, most feared, and most powerful people. The ancestral seat of House Lannister resides in Casterly Rock where they have productive gold mines that provide them with their immense wealth and power.

9. Cersei Lannister

Cersei Lannister is the mother of King Joffrey Baratheon and the widow of King Robert Baratheon. Daughter of Lord Tywin Lannister, twin sister of Jaime Lannister and elder sister of Tyrion Lannister. Cersei is seen as the Queen Mother by the people, wielding considerable influence in Kings Landing. She also indirectly controls the City Watch, the defenders of King's Landing.

10. Tyrion Lannister

Lord Tyrion Lannister is the youngest child of Lord Tywin Lannister and the younger brother of Cersei and Jaime Lannister. He is the current Hand of the King for King Joffrey Baratheon, his nephew.

11. Joffrey Baratheon

Joffrey Baratheon is Lord of the Seven Kingdoms and (to the public) is the oldest son of Robert Baratheon and Cersei Lannister. His grandfather is Lord Tywin Lannister. King Joffrey represents the blood union between House Lannister and Baratheon. Kings Landing is under Joffrey's direct control as well as the Royal Army.

12. Olenna Tyrell

Lady Olenna Tyrell is the matriarch of House Tyrell and mother to Mace Tyrell. Lady Olenna has a great influence over the Reach, the most fertile part of Westeros, blessed with blooming fields of crops. It's also the most heavily-populated part of Westeros and is one of the richest, second only to the Westerlands, ruled by House Lannister. While Lady Olenna is not the leader of the Reach, her spy network and influence gives her great power.

13. Mace Tyrell

Lord Mace Tyrell, Warden of the South, is the head of House Tyrell, the second wealthiest family in all of Westeros, second to House Lannister, and is Lord of Highgarden. Son of Olenna Tyrell. Highgarden is the capital of the Reach making Lord Mace capable of supporting armies almost twice the size of any other kingdom.

14. Robb Stark

Robb Stark is King in the North. He is the eldest son to Lord Eddard Stark and Lady Catelyn Tully. Controls Winterfell, the capital of the North and the ancestral seat to the Stark House. As King in the North, Robb has influence over the armies of all the Northern bannermen.

15. Edmure Tully

Lord Edmure Tully is the Lord of Riverrun and Lord Paramount of the Trident. He is the younger brother of Lady Catelyn Tully. House Tully commands a formidable military, fielding thousands of soldiers.

16. Bryden Tully

Knight Bryden Tully is a member of House Tully. Uncle of Catelyn and Edmure Tully. Brynden is an experienced battlefield commander with control over the Riverland militaries.

17. Catelyn Tully

Lady Catelyn was born into House Tully and is the older sister of Edmure Tully. She was the wife of Eddard Stark before his death; their marriage represents the union between the Starks and Tullys. She is the mother to King Robb Stark. After the execution of her husband Lady Catelyn becomes her son's key advisor.

18. Varys

Varys serves as the Master of Whisperers, the King's foremost spymaster and intelligence agent. He holds no inherited title, castle, or lands in Westeros, but is called "Lord" as a courtesy due to his position working under King Joffrey. Varys' network spans all over Westeros and Essos.

19. Petyr Baelish (LittleFinger)

Lord Petyr Baelish is the Master of Coin under King Joffrey Baratheon. Not only is he in charge of the crown's treasury, Lord Petyr also owns various brothels throughout the seven kingdoms. He uses these brothels to build one of the largest spy networks in Westeros.

20. Melisandre

- a. Lady Melisandre is a Red Priestess and Lord of the Light. She wields powerful magical abilities, particularly the power of prophecy. In this crisis committee Lady Melisandre may ask a question about future events directly to R'hllor, which will be answered in some form by the Crisis Team.

21. Beric Dondarrion

- a. Lord Beric Dondarrion leads the Brotherhood Without Banners, a group of brigandes tasked by Eddard Stark to protect the smallfolk of the Riverlands. Thanks to his Red Priest Thoros, he cannot die, though each time he is brought back he loses some of himself. In this crisis, Beric Dondarrion has absolute control over the Brotherhood Without Banners.

22. Euron Greyjoy

- a. Euron Greyjoy is the exiled brother of Balon Greyjoy. He is a notorious pirate captain who controls a small fleet of pirate ships led by his infamous flagship, *The Silence*. Having traveled to Valyria and survived, Euron Greyjoy has access to unknown wealth and treasures. Should the delegate wish it, they may choose to represent Euron from the book series, as opposed to the TV show.

Questions to consider

1. How can this committee work together to ensure that Westeros is still standing and stable come Winter?
2. Who is the rightful ruler of Westeros?
3. Do traditional monarchs even matter at this point, or should the seven kingdoms fracture and become independent?
4. What is the role of diplomacy in such a war-torn continent? Can peaceful solutions even be achieved?
5. Which is more important—allegiance to one's self, allegiance to one's family, or allegiance to one's state?