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Study Guide

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I. Letter From the Secretary General

Dear Delegates,

It is my greatest pleasure to welcome you all to our conference. As the Secretary General I would like to start my letter with special thanks to our academic and organization team who made this conference possible with their efforts , I am truly honored to have the opportunity to meet such passionate, hardworking, and open-minded delegates

Model United Nations is more than debating resolutions. It is a place that people learn diplomacy, leadership, cooperation. Throughout this conference, I encourage each of you to speak with confidence, and most importantly, enjoy every moment of this experience.

I hope this conference becomes not only an unforgettable academic experience, but also a place where you build new friendships and memories. I look forward to welcoming you all.

Sincerely,

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Secretary-General

II. Letter From the Under Secretary General

Esteemed Delegates,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to ArenaMUN'26 and its F-JCC Committee. Before mentioning our committee, I must thank some special people for making this conference and this committee possible. First of all, I sincerely thank my academic assistant, İpek, for helping me write this guide, and put this committee together. It hasn't been an easy task, organizing a committee like this but the preparation is coming to an end and I couldn't imagine it being this way without her. Secondly, I should thank your Deputy Secretary General, Atahan Şahin. He is an amazing friend to me and has been for as long as I can remember myself doing MUNs. His dedication to his work has always been an inspiration for me, whether it was being the best delegate I ever saw with my own two eyes, being an amazing board member, or now, being a great executive team member, he always delivers. My final thanks goes to our executive team for organizing this conference and trusting me with a committee as original as this one. I am sure of their amazing work and I am expecting nothing less than a highly enjoyable and great three days from them.

With the thanking part out of the way, let's talk about the committee. The Harry Potter universe is one that, I am sure, most of us got familiar with at some point in our lives. Whether it be in elementary school, middle school or high school, we all wished to get one of those Hogwarts acceptance letters and enjoyed the beautifully crafted atmosphere of both the movies and the books. In this committee, you, the delegates, will get the chance to immerse yourselves further within the universe, and get a chance to reshape one of its highest peaks. The purpose of this guide is to give you a general sense of what is going on at our start date. With that said, even though this makes me sad, considering the hours I poured into the writing of this guide, this guide shouldn't be your primary source for this committee. It should obviously be the books and the movies.

With all that said, I wish you all a great time reading this guide and watching the movies. If you have any questions regarding the procedure, please don't hesitate to DM me and, well, have fun.

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Under Secretary General of the F-JCC Committee

III. Key Vocabularies

- ***Wizarding World:*** The society of wizards and witches worldwide, separate from the non-wizarding society.
- ***Wizarding Wars:*** Various conflicts between all wizards and witches, due to clashing ideals and motives.
- ***The Dark Lord:*** An alternative name used by Lord Voldemort after he left Borgin and Burkes and started recruiting supporters.
- ***Death Eaters:*** The main follower group of Lord Voldemort. Most members were witches and wizards who strongly believed in the notion of pure-blood supremacy.
- ***Order of the Phoenix:*** The secret society founded by Albus Dumbledore to oppose Lord Voldemort and his Death Eaters.
- ***Aurors:*** Highly trained law enforcement officials for wizarding governing bodies. Aurors of different countries dealt with various high-risk situations, such as apprehension of Dark Arts users or investigation of criminal activities.
- ***Horcrux:*** An object in which a Dark wizard or witch hides a detached fragment of their soul in order to become immortal. As long as the receptacle remains intact, so too does the soul fragment inside it, keeping the maker anchored to the world of the living, even if their body suffered fatal damage.

IV. Introduction to the Wizarding World and Its History

The Wizarding World has a long and elaborate history of conflicts, collaborations, secrecy, drama and well, magic. With that said, the lore that is relevant to the Second Wizarding War and the environment it takes place in can be summarized in sub-sections that are as follows.

- The Secrecy of Wizards:

The wizarding world as we know it, exists alongside the non-magical regular folk, the muggles, of the world and is kept as a secret from them. This situation is enforced by the International Statute of Secrecy, which was established in the late 1600s. This aspect is crucial to our committee since it isn't only a random rule that wizards follow, but rather a strict necessity that shapes the universe.

The secrecy of the wizarding world makes it a highly isolated environment for political actions, internal conflicts and major crises. Any internal issue escalates without outside influence and with extreme lack of accountability, which results in a rather distinct escalation of conflict situations such as this one. With that said, exposure of the wizarding actions to Muggles would be a major threat to the existence of wizards which is to be considered within the context of the second wizarding war.

- Wizarding Governance:



The governing bodies of the wizarding world are also important to mention regarding the lore since they are perhaps the most influential authority on wizardry. The main governing body we will be focusing on is the Ministry of Magic which is the central authority in Britain. The Ministry of Magic is an organization

led by the appropriately named Minister of Magic and its operations include law enforcement by Aurors, regulation of magic, safety of wizards and public secrecy. Although their authority is vast, the ministry still faces several problems. Its processes can be slow and bureaucratic in nature and most importantly politically influenced. The Ministry is very much vulnerable to infiltration and even manipulation in any event of crises.

- Social Divisions:

This is perhaps the most important aspect of the wizarding society for our committee since it can be seen as the main motivation behind this war. The magical societies are divided mainly by blood. Pure-blood families that have nothing but magical ancestry, claim supremacy over half-bloods and muggle-borns. There is a rather popular idea of keeping magic pure. This situation leads to discrimination, exclusion, extremism and marginalization. Voldemort's movement is also built on this idea of pure-blood superiority.

- Key Institutions:

Hogwarts is the main institution the series focuses on and it is of great importance to the wizarding world. It is the main educational institution for many young witches and wizards in Britain and many of our actors are Hogwarts alumni. During this war, Hogwarts' strategic relevancy is further emphasized with the importance of horcruxes and its vulnerability to outside influence possesses great danger.



Azkaban also shouldn't be left without mention. It is a high-security prison for dark

wizards and it is guarded by dementors. With many important figures as its prisoners, and with dementors' unreliable nature considered, it is also a crucial institution for the committee.

- Historical Tensions:

The Wizarding world has never been fully stable throughout its existence. Dark wizards, social divisions and power struggles have always been there and over time, these situations lead to increasing tensions, public distress grows and extremist ideas gain momentum. At the time of the first wizarding war, a figure that embodies all these ideas emerges with Voldemort and causes great instability for 11 years. Although defeated for a time, the threat rises again at the time of our committee, which will be further mentioned later on in this guide.

V. The First Wizarding War

A. Escalation of the War

The First Wizarding War's roots begin with Tom Riddle, who would later on be known as Lord Voldemort. He had ambitious and deep-rooted motives regarding life, the current social construct, and the status quo of "Muggles" and wizards. So, in order to change all these constructs of societies, he set his mind to building a loyal army of his own from the moment he joined Hogwarts. This group was known as "The Knights of Walpurgis" at the start, but as time went on they would soon take on the name "Death Eaters". They mostly agreed on the pure-blood ideology and promising power. Some joined willingly, others were coerced or placed under the Imperius Curse, which made it hard for the wider wizarding community to even tell who was truly loyal to him.

After he graduated from Hogwarts in 1945 and up until around 1970, Voldemort disappeared from the lands of Britain as he prepared for his ultimate victory from all aspects. He sought after many valuable artifacts of the founders of Hogwarts, such as Helga Hufflepuff's Cup, Salazar Slytherin's Locket, Ravenclaw's Diadem and so on. The reason for finding all these artifacts was so that he could make them into Horcruxes in order to ensure his immortality.

While doing all these, the Dark Lord also gathered a great number of Death Eaters over the course of years. He not only recruited wizards and witches, but also any magical beasts that were outcasted by the wizarding world; werewolves, giants, some acromantula to name a few. He now had followers and people to do his deed from any kind of circle, and they could basically infiltrate anywhere they wished to do so, such as the Ministry of Magic. As his numbers reached its climax, the violence had already escalated drastically. Attacks on Muggle-borns, political opponents, and even Muggles themselves became more frequent. High-profile murders and disappearances created a wave of fear. This shook the wizarding community to the core, as families didn't know who to trust, given that Voldemort's influence had infiltrated key institutions, including the Ministry of Magic.

As the Death Eaters' attacks gained speed and traction, the current Headmaster of Hogwarts, Albus Dumbledore realized that he too had to gather a powerful force to put a stop to these terrorism acts. So, in 1973, he established Order of the Phoenix. A great number of powerful wizards and witches, along with a handful of aurors had joined this organization as they all wished to get rid of the looming threat of the Dark Lord. While this force group was not officially recognized by the Ministry of Magic, it is safe to say that the newly established group was supported by the Ministry way more than they would ever get in the future.

The war escalated further as both sides suffered heavy losses. Voldemort's willingness to use extreme measures—torture, mass killings, and psychological terror—kept raising the stakes. Meanwhile, the resistance became more desperate, leading to riskier missions and higher casualties. Not to mention that the Death Eaters' numbers easily overshadowed that of Order of the Phoenix's.

The final escalation came with the prophecy involving Harry Potter. Death Eater Severus Snape had overheard a fragmented part of the prophecy a professor of Hogwarts had relayed to the Headmaster Dumbledore, and he immediately went to his Lord to pass on this crucial information. When Voldemort learned of it, he targeted Harry as a baby, believing he could eliminate a future threat. Due to unforeseen circumstances however, his spell to kill the newborn backfired to him. If it were not for his horcruxes, Voldemort would surely be dead back then. Though the Dark Lord did not die there, he fell to a state so weak that he could not step into the wizarding world for a long time, thus bringing the First Wizarding War to an end.

B. The Consequences

The First Wizarding War resulted in a loss for the dark wizards, yes, but the war left the entire wizarding world deeply scarred. The conflict caused the deaths of many witches and wizards and led to widespread destruction. Many families were affected no matter how pure-blooded they were. Trust in the wizarding community was weakened since the war effort saw hidden allegiances, infiltrations, betrayals and so on.

The somewhat abrupt ending to the war was brought by the defeat of Lord Voldemort in an attempt to kill Harry Potter. Lord Voldemort lost his physical form and many around the wizarding world believed the threat to be permanently eliminated. This event marked the end of the war and many declared the opposing forces to be victors of the war, particularly the Order of the Phoenix.

When the war effort came to an end, in an effort to re-establish the trust in the wizarding world and its governance, the ministry captured and imprisoned many individuals associated with Voldemort and his movement. Most of these individuals, commonly known as Death Eaters, were sent to Azkaban. With that said, some of these Death Eaters evaded imprisonment, either by physically escaping it or by using their influence within the community. This incompetence in capturing the Death Eaters allowed for some distrust to remain among the magical community.

The war coming to an end as abruptly as it did, resulted in its social motivations to remain. The fear amongst Muggle-born and half-blooded families and social divisions that defined Voldemort's movement didn't end as abruptly as the war and remained a deciding factor in many social interactions following the war. Since the foundations for the movement weren't eliminated completely, the extremism remained in society which created an uncertain post-war environment with a very fragile peace that in turn led to the Second Wizarding War.

In the end, the war came to an end but it surely left nothing but chaos in its path. Divided society, destroyed institutions and remaining tensions kept shaping the future of the wizarding world for a long time after it.

VI. A Look into Remarkable Powers

A. Lord Voldemort

Lord Voldemort didn't start the First Wizarding War just for chaos—his motives were a mix of ideology, personal obsession, and a hunger for power.

At the core was his belief in pure-blood supremacy. Voldemort saw witches and wizards from non-magical families as inferior and a threat to the magical world. Ironically, he himself was a half-blood, which shows that this was more about control and identity than anything.

He valued power and domination just as important. Voldemort didn't just want influence, he wanted total control over the wizarding world. This can be seen clearly when analyzing the First Wizarding War, as this was essentially his campaign to overthrow existing institutions like the Ministry of Magic and rule through fear, using followers like the Death Eaters to enforce his will.

Another major motive of his was his fear of death. This shaped many of his actions, including creating Horcruxes to achieve immortality. His obsession with defeating death made him ruthless—he saw others as expendable if it meant preserving himself.

B. Death Eaters



Most of the Death Eaters belonged to ancient pure-blood wizarding families, thus valued the belief that “pure-blood” wizards are inherently superior to Muggle-borns. This can essentially be seen as a parallel to racial and/or ethnic supremacy ideologies that have made themselves known throughout the entire history of mankind. Lord Voldemort utilized this belief to unify followers under a shared self-proclaimed superior identity.

The background of the members of the Death Eaters isn't all the same however. While it is true that most joined due to aligning ideologies, there were also many who did not share these beliefs yet still joined the group, whether it be due to personal agenda, aligning interests or even blackmail.



Death Eaters had a strict policy on prioritizing their leader's commands first and foremost, and the ruthless treatment in the organization was a normal occurrence. They were often sent on missions, and perfection in all of them was expected. Should one fail to carry out the objective, they were punished horribly, even if this was due to bad luck rather than incompetence.

It must be noted once more that there were all kinds of people with varying thoughts about the Dark Lord himself: some were fanatically loyal to him, several only joined him due to aligning thoughts regarding the purification of the wizarding line, and a majority who had been forced to join through various methods. Nevertheless, it can be said that not all were loyal to death, and instead acted with the Death Eaters simply because they could not leave, lest they be tortured to death. This could easily be seen with how many renounced their loyalty to the group when Voldemort got stripped from majority of his power at the end of the First Wizarding War, and put no effort into searching for their lord.

C. Order of the Phoenix



Order of the Phoenix can be seen as the main opposing movement against Voldemort's and they have been active since the First Wizarding War. Their actions and current status can be examined under four sub-sections which are as follows:

- Purpose:

The Order of the Phoenix was initially founded as a resistance group against Voldemort's movement during the First Wizarding War. With the reappearance of the dark lord, the group has begun reforming and reorganizing. Their actions usually include protecting the wizarding community from dark magic, gathering intelligence about the Death Eaters and countering Death Eater influence in positions of power such as the Ministry of Magic.

- Structure:

The Order shouldn't be imagined as a strict centralized group, but more like a network of trust and coordination that the members can act accordingly. They are led by Albus Dumbledore but this structure isn't perfectly centralized which means internal conflicts can exist if the situation evolves into that.



- Actions:

Unlike the Death Eaters, the Order of the Phoenix operates more subtly and strategically. Their actions often include defensive magic, alliances and limited combat with the purpose of gathering intelligence and protecting individuals. Similar to Death Eaters, they usually operate in secrecy and their actions are often restrained.

- Challenges:

There are several issues faced by the Order of the Phoenix which makes their involvement with the conflict tougher for any member. The most obvious limitation faced by the Order is the lack of an official authority backing them. No ministry support often means the Order operates by themselves and in situations of war, this highly restrains the capabilities of the movement. The most apparent example of this can be seen in the current setting of this committee with the Ministry denying the return of Voldemort. Members of the Order of the Phoenix are among those who believe in the return of the dark lord but constant rejection from the Ministry makes it hard for them to justify their case. These are also directly related with one other problem which is them highly depending on secrecy. The Ministry of Magic being under constant threat of infiltration and manipulation at times of war, often results in any resistance movements being kept a secret which in turn, limits the movement of the Order once again. The last setback that will be mentioned is the size of the order. The Order's smaller numbers are a major disadvantage during times of war. Death Eaters, being supported by many influential

individuals and even non-human factors usually outnumber any force of the Order which causes tough conflict scenarios for them.

D. Ministry of Magic



The Ministry of Magic had always contained people of different beliefs regarding the coexistence of the wizarding world and the non-wizarding world. Whether it was about how tight the statute of secrecy should be held, or fights about letting non-pure bloods into the ministry, conflict always showed itself within.

Voldemort was able to infiltrate the Ministry of Magic so easily during the First Wizarding War was because of the fact that the Ministry had been dealing with serious internal criticism and power struggles after a Muggle-born wizard became the minister for the first time in the history of the British Ministry of Magic. Many older and pure-blood ministry officials opposed this idea, and there were many who resigned in protest, leaving the Ministry unguarded and weakened. Some went even far as to personally remove the new Minister from this position for good.

Another reason was that some Ministry officials quietly sympathized with the Death Eaters' ideology. Even if they weren't active supporters, their bias against Muggle-borns made them less motivated to resist aggressively. This created a golden opportunity to weaken the institutional resistance without an open rebellion.

It could also be mentioned that the Ministry failed to view the actions of Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters as an organized act of terror, and instead viewed them as individual criminal activities. They didn't recognize this situation as a crisis and tried to function like a normal government for an extended period of time, even during the wizarding wars. This could further be proved with the fact that Aurors weren't allowed to use any killing spells up until the end of the First Wizarding War, while the Death Eaters were going on a rampage, killing hundreds of hundreds innocent wizards and Muggles alike.

VII. Starting Situation



This committee starts with the conclusion of the Triwizard Tournament. The wizarding world is shocked by this great occasion ending not in celebration, but in confusion and uncertainty. Some reports state the return of Lord Voldemort in his physical form after being believed to be defeated for a long while. None of these reports have been publicly accepted but distress still grows among the wizarding society. There are different aspects of this start date that can be examined under these sub-sections:

- Ministry of Magic:

The Ministry firmly rejects any claims on the return of Voldemort and sees the recent events to be misinterpreted and exaggerated. Although not the most reliable at times, the stance held by the ministry somewhat shapes public perception of the events. Because of these persistent rejections, most of the wizarding world is unaware of any threat that can potentially be brought by this event and no official response was initiated following the events of the Triwizard Tournament.

- Order of the Phoenix:

While the ministry is in a state of rejection against the approaching threat of Voldemort, a small group of individuals have begun organizing, or rather re-organizing, the Order of the Phoenix which was a group previously formed as an opposing movement against Voldemort during the First Wizarding War. While acting highly secretly, the members of the group have already started preparing their defenses and gathering information in this hour of uncertainty.

- Death Eaters:

Some individuals who remained loyal to Voldemort in his absence have started re-establishing their networks and re-contacting old members of Voldemort's movement. No visible large-scale activities have been pursued but there are signs of a foundation being laid to spark a renewed conflict.

- The General Environment:

The wizarding world is entering a period defined by paranoia and quiet preparation. While everyone, regardless of their faction, starts building tensions and planting the seeds of conflict which will be the central position of this committee. The uncertainty of the situation allows actors from both sides to act without any clear opposition and it certainly began showing with the increasing activities of both sides.