Harry Potter Committee

Background Guide

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Model United Nation III

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Welcome Delegates!

Hi Everyone! My name is Hannah Charleston and I welcome you to the Harry Potter Committee at Moody Model U.N. 2014! I am an eighth grader here at George H. Moody Middle. This will be my third conference, but my first as a chair. Other than participating in the Model U.N. Club, I enjoy playing soccer for both the Richmond Strikers and the school team. Outside of school, I love hanging out with my friends and listening to music. I’m really excited that you have chosen to participate in such a fun event! We have been working for months to make this conference a great experience for all of you.

Hi! My name is Kara Chalifoux and I am one of your Co-Chairs for Moody Model U.N. 2014. This is also my third conference, and my first time as a chair. I am an eighth grader here at Moody and when I am not at school, you can find me playing soccer, both with Richmond Strikers and Moody’s school team. I am extremely excited to meet you and see what you have thought of.

In this committee, you will be debating and solving problems in the view of one of your favorite characters. You could be portraying Hagrid, Snape, or maybe even Dumbledore! Although this is based on Harry Potter, please understand that this is a fictional committee and does not have to follow how the books go. We want to see you come up with creative solutions to the topics. Also you should have a position paper, 1-2 pages long. The position paper should be used for you to use when debating and helps you fully understand your role. An introduction to how Model U.N. works will be provided before committee begins.

We wish you the best in your research and preparation and we look forward to meeting each and every one of you! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at hannahcharleston@gmail.com or karachalifoux@gmail.com. Check out our website for more information: http://3moodymun.weebly.com

Thanks,

Hannah Charleston and Kara Chalifoux

Harry Potter Committee Chairs
Background Information on the Ministry of Magic:

The Ministry of Magic was founded in the late 1600s. It was created to regulate and enforce laws for the magical community, as well as keeping this community hidden from the Muggle World. Also, each country had its own ministry to govern it. For example, Germany, Bulgaria, Norway, United Kingdom, etc. It is made up of several different departments as well. Like the Department of Magical Law Enforcement, Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures, Magical Accidents and Catastrophes, Mysteries, and Magical Games and Sports. Finally, the one person that is in control of all of these aspects that make of the Ministry is the Minister.

Topic I: Protection of Harry Potter

November 1st, 1981, James and Lily Potter were murdered by Voldemort, but because of Lily’s self-sacrifice, Harry survived. Once Dumbledore learned of Harry’s survival, he sent Hagrid to rescue Harry and take him to the Dursley house on Privet Drive. The Dursley’s wanted nothing to do with Harry, because Mrs. Petunia Dursley saw magic as nonsense and that Lily was a freak. Once Lily and James graduated Hogwarts, they went to work for the Order of Phoenix. Voldemort tried to recruit Lily and James as Death Eaters, both were reluctant. The got married later that year and became pregnant with Harry. Both Harry and Neville were born with the characteristics to fulfill the prophecy. When Voldemort learned of this he tried to kill Harry. Months before the Potter’s were attacked, Severus Snape, a death eater (at the time), warned Dumbledore and the Potters of Voldemort planning the attack. He desperately tried to protect Lily since he was secretly in love with her. The Potters went into hiding at Godric’s Hollow. A Fidelius Charm, a protection charm made by the secret keeper, was casted to hide the house and the family inside. The place that the charm is casted, makes the place invisible to everybody until the secret keeper tells somebody. However Peter Pettigrew, a servant of Voldemort, told Voldemort the Potter’s hiding spot.

With the recent attack at the Ministry of Magic, 10 people were killed and 40 prisoners of Azkaban, who were on trial, escaped. We believe that this was ordered by Voldemort. Even though there has been no sign of Voldemort, it has been confirmed that a group of Death Eaters are after Harry Potter and Neville to kill them, before one of them can fulfill the prophecy and kill Voldemort. Neville is currently with his grandmother and Harry is with his aunt and uncle. The Death Eaters are getting closer to finding the boys and will kill them, when they get the chance. The Dursley Family is at risk of also being attacked and magic being exposed to the muggle world. Harry Potter is still unaware that he is a wizard and does not know what happened to his parents. With tensions rising, and time against the ministry, a plan needs to be created quickly to
insure the highest amount of protection available. Dumbledore has recently suggested Harry being under his protection, while the Ministry of Magic has turned that down, stating it was “too risky for other children and obvious.”

Questions to Consider:

1. Is the Order of Phoenix a good possible place to put Harry because they are constantly moving around? Why or why not?
2. What actions should be taken if Voldemort tries to attack again?
3. Who should be responsible for Harry?
4. Who, if anyone should tell Harry Potter about the magic world and his parents?
5. What measures should be taken to protect both Neville and Harry, since they both fit the prophecy?
6. Should Harry and Neville be protected together or kept apart?
7. Where are some other possible places to keep Harry and Neville safe? Why would they be good spots to keep them protected?

**Topic II: Prevention of Attack**

The Magic World has stayed hidden for thousands of years from Muggles. However, if Harry Potter or Neville are killed then there is nobody to stop Voldemort from venturing into the muggle world to kill people. Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is protected by a type of Muggle-Repelling Charm. This charm causes an area to be unseen by Muggles or causes it to be undesirable for them to enter. Also, Hogwarts looks like an extremely run-down ruin with a creepy “Keep Out” sign to Muggles and that made it undesirable. One way that we, the Ministry of Magic, have been debating about is how we could prevent another attack by Voldemort would be to use his weaknesses against him. Dumbledore explained to the Ministry that his greatest weaknesses is that he doesn’t fully understand magic. He is also afraid of only one person in the entire wizard world: Albus Dumbledore. So that is why he then starts to take to over because Dumbledore is no longer a threat. Lastly, he is believes that death is the absolute worst fate, and that is why he goes to such great lengths seeking immortality.

We have taken measures to prevent another attack by spreading awareness of Voldemort and what the Death Eaters are capable of. We have also put a Fidelius Charm on very important wizards both in the ministry and wizard world. However, there are wizards in the ministry who are secretly death eaters, 100 death eaters have been found, but there are an estimated 500+ death eaters who are involved in the ministry right now. This is why our solutions have not worked because they have been leaked to Voldemort. We must act quickly before they can figure out all of our secrets. Also to
prevent the Muggles knowledge of the Magic World. We must become united to save our world.

Questions to Consider:
1. Should we be concerned about securing Hogwarts?
2. How do we calm the muggles and secure their world to stop it from mixing with ours?
3. Should we be hunting for Voldemort?
4. How can we use Voldemort’s weaknesses to our advantage?
5. How do we to find the Death Eaters in the Ministry? What should their punishments be and how can we insure that our solutions will not be passed on to Voldemort.

Works Cited/Links to Use:
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Possible Roles for Committee:

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<td>Albus Dumbledore</td>
<td>The only wizard that Voldemort ever feared. Headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Founded the Order of Phoenix to fight Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters.</td>
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<td>Nymphadora Tonks</td>
<td>Half-blood witch. After leaving Hogwarts she joined the Ministry of Magic and trained to become an Auror. She joined the second Order of Phoenix and worked undercover to help guard the Department of Mysteries.</td>
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<td>Bartemius Crouch Sr.</td>
<td>Head of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement when Voldemort rose to power. Followed the rules stiffly.</td>
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<td>Severus Snape</td>
<td>Half-blood wizard who was a Potions Master and Defense Against the Dark Arts Professor at Hogwarts. Member of the Order of Phoenix and played a very important role in both of the Wizarding Wars.</td>
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<td>Remus Lupin</td>
<td>A half-blood wizard who attended Hogwarts with James Potter, Sirius Black, and Peter Pettigrew; together they made the Marauder’s Map. After Hogwarts, they all joined the Order of Phoenix and fought in the First Wizarding War. Taught Defense Against the Dark Arts.</td>
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<td>Rubeus Hagrid</td>
<td>Half-giant who was trained as the gamekeeper at Hogwarts. He was also the professor for the Care of Magical Creatures, and the Keeper of Keys and Grounds. Put in charge of reintroducing Harry to the world of magic. As a member of both of the Order of Phoenixes he also</td>
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<td>Bertha Jorkins</td>
<td>Became a Ministry of Magic employee after leaving Hogwarts. While at school, she was acquaintances with James and Lily; was known for being nosy.</td>
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<td>Minerva McGonagall</td>
<td>Witch and registered Animagus. Worked at the Ministry for 2 years and then returned to Hogwarts where she became Head of the Gryffindor House, Transfiguration professor, and Headmistress of Hogwarts.</td>
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<td>Rufus Scrimgeour</td>
<td>Headed the Auror Office for the Ministry before taking over position of Minister of Magic for the United Kingdom after Fudge.</td>
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<td>Cornelius Fudge</td>
<td>Minister for the Magic of Britain, thus had complete control of the Ministry.</td>
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<td>Percy Weasley</td>
<td>Received perfect grades while at Hogwarts, and then went on to work for the Ministry with his direct supervisor being Crouch.</td>
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<td>Pius Thicknesse</td>
<td>Head of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement, after Crouch and Amelia Bones.</td>
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<td>Mafalda Hopkirk</td>
<td>Works in the Improper Use of Magic Office in the Ministry, and is responsible for sending out warnings when magic by the underaged is detected.</td>
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<td>Arthur Weasley</td>
<td>Pure-blood wizard in the employ of the Ministry of Magic, as well as a member of the second Order of Phoenix. Believed in the equality of all magical and Muggle people.</td>
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<td>Dolores Umbridge</td>
<td>Defense Against the Dark Arts Teacher at Hogwarts. Appears as a quaint, little</td>
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women, but was then known for her harsh punishments.

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<th><strong>Kingsley Shacklebolt</strong></th>
<th>Was a pure-blood wizard in the employment of the Ministry of Magic. Worked for the Ministry as an Auror, but joined the Order of Phoenix after the return of Voldemort.</th>
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<td><strong>Molly Weasley</strong></td>
<td>Pure-blood witch and member of the revived Order of Phoenix after the return of Voldemort. Participated in the final battle of the Second Wizarding War.</td>
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<td><strong>Amelia Susan Bones</strong></td>
<td>Head of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement after Crouch. Called a “great witch” by Dumbledore.</td>
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<td><strong>Madam Edgecombe</strong></td>
<td>Works in the Department of Magical Transportation. Helped Umbridge police the fireplaces at Hogwarts.</td>
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<td><strong>Alastor “Mad Eye” Moody</strong></td>
<td>Scottish wizard of pure-blood descent. Considered the most powerful Auror of all time. Prominent member of the Order of Phoenix during the First and Second Wizarding Wars.</td>
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Sample Position Paper

Please remember that this is just a sample to help you with how the whole thing should “flow.” Feel free to add more information that could be useful. Please do not copy this, as that would be considered plagiarism.

Committee: Harry Potter Committee
Person: Petunia Dursley
Delegate: Jane Doe
School: Little Pebble Elementary School

Background Information:

Petunia Dursley is a very nosy, and stuck-up woman whose goal is to appear normal. She was born in the 1950s to a muggle family. She had a younger sister, Lily, who was born a witch. After her sister left for Hogwarts, she broke off contact with her, but after Lily and her husband, James, were murdered by Lord Voldemort, she took in their child named Harry. Before all of this she married Vernon Dursley and together they had a son and named him Dudley. She was always very jealous of her sister and hated everything to do with the wizarding world.

Topic I: Protection of Harry Potter:

I, Petunia, believe that Harry should be protected even though I have very strong feelings toward magic. He should be kept somewhere where they actually know how to deal with his powers. Our family is no match for this. So I feel that if Harry were to live with someone in the wizarding world, he would be much better protected.

Topic II: Prevention of Attack:

Since Harry seems to be a target that Lord Voldemort has his eyes set on, the best possible way to prevent attack is to use some kind of memory spell, whether it be the Memory Charm or False Memory Charm. I do not know a whole lot about magic, but I do know that there has to be some kind of spell that will take away Voldemort’s recollection of why he wants to kill Harry so badly.

Sources:

Explanation of the Position Paper:

*At the top of the paper you always include the committee name, the person or place you are representing, your real name, and the school in which you attend.

*The first paragraph is always just general background information on the person or place that you are representing. So it usually includes biographical information and some of their history.

*The rest of the paper is broken up by topic. There is no specific length to each topic. Feel free to write as much as you feel necessary. The sample is very simple and not very detailed because we just wanted to show you that you need to write from the perspective of your character and how the whole paper should “flow”, so please elaborate and be as detailed as possible.

*Also please type your paper in 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, and double-spaced.

*Finally at the end, always include your Works Cited in MLA Format. Easybib.com is a great resource to use to help with that.
Things to Remember:

★ Since committee will be in session all day, make sure to bring a packed lunch, and anything else you might need throughout the day because lunch is not provided.
★ Do NOT forget your position paper. You need to have one copy for yourself and once copy for the chairs. It needs to be 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, and double-spaced.
★ The “Questions to Consider” are there to help guide you with your research. Do not just simply answer the questions in your paper.
★ Please remember that you should stay in character the whole time and express what their opinion would be, not your personal opinion.
★ Make sure that all of the sources that you use are cited in MLA format. DO NOT PLAGIARIZE.
★ The most important thing to remember is to HAVE FUN! We have been working really hard to make sure that this is an enjoyable experience for everyone.