

GAU Game of Thrones

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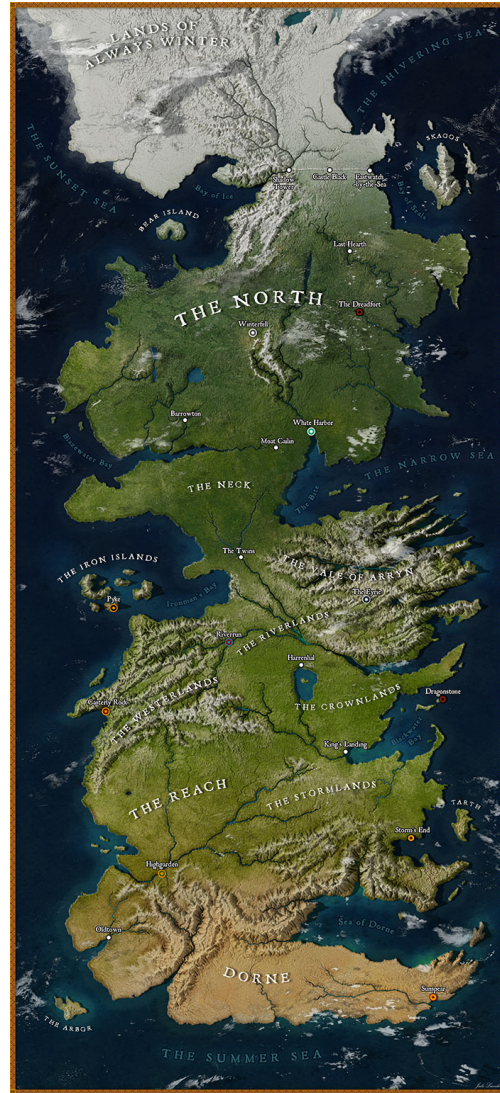
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INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE

A Song of Ice and Fire is a series of books written by George R. R. Martin, a set of six books that are still being published. These literary compositions inspired the HBO TV series known as “Game of Thrones” which resumes the events that occurred in the six books, focusing mainly on the Lannister, Stark, and Targaryen families. The plot surrounds the noble families of Westeros, whose objective was to conquer the “Iron Throne” and with it, the regal power of the Seven Kingdoms: crowning themselves and their families as the absolute leaders of the land. This power search broke the spirit of most characters, leading them into a deep-rooted philosophy of “each man on their own”. The action arises feelings of treason and frugidity towards the deaths of civilians because of the conflicts. Nonetheless, in the process, many fights are triggered among the houses because they possess conflicting claims upon the throne, different strategic interests, geopolitical aims, upon other factors. This creates a spiral of personal and political resentment upon different leaders that lead to a Great Final War whose outcome will determine

who will end up in control of the iron throne.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT



Baliūnaitė I. (2020) Map of Westeros

Game of Thrones follows the story of multiple noble families such as the Lannister, the Baratheon, The Targaryen, and the Starks. Nonetheless, for the sake of an easier understanding, it will be divided



into two different explanations that will be later united in the actual situation.

A. TARGARYEN

In Pentos, across the Narrow Sea, Viserys and Daenerys Targaryen hide from the rest of the world, as they now are the only Targaryen in the whole seven kingdoms. As they are the rightful heirs to the throne, Viserys Targaryen forces his sister Daenerys to wed Khal Drogo in exchange for an army to conquer Westeros and become the king of the Seven Kingdoms.

In Daenerys's wedding with Khal Drogo, she is gifted with dragon eggs by Ser Jorah Mormont, nonetheless, everyone believes they were just rocks. Soon, Daenerys becomes pregnant with Khal Drogo's child and become friends with Sr Jorah Mormont: who not only defends her from the multiple dangers that she must overcome but also advises her into settling into her role as a Khaleesi (the Queen of the Dothraki tribe).

Daenerys murders her brother, Viserys, after demanding the crown. However, it is discovered that Sr Jorah has been spying on her for the Crown: which makes Robert Baratheon attempt to murder her multiple times. Khal Drogo evidences this, which makes him decide that he would help his



wife conquer Westeros, guiding the Dothraki and himself towards the new conquering trip. Sadly, soon he dies by poisoning the witch Mirri Maaz Durr, who later trades his life with "another " to save him. Sadly, this other life is Daenerys' baby, which angers the mother and ties the witch to Drogo's funeral pyre.

Daenerys joins her husband on the fire, though by the next day she emerges from it with three baby dragons: evidencing that she is the mother of dragons and heir to the iron throne.

With Drogo's death, things start to get extremely difficult as the Dothraki want a new king. This causes Daenerys to send riders in different directions to find cities to get aid. One of the riders found Qath, one of the richest cities in the Seven Kingdoms.

They arrive at Qath where they are adopted by "Xaro Xhoan Daxos" who takes them under his wing. Nonetheless, her dragons are kidnapped which leads her into the House of the Undying, a house of many magicians who use their powers to trick her into quitting and leaving her dragons behind at Qath.

She ends up finding her dragons and leaving for Astapor in the search of a new city to conquer. Nonetheless, she still has no army



and the dragons are too young to use as weapons which leads her to meet the master of the Unsullied.

The Unsullied is a ginormous army tortured to become soldiers, a fact that softens Daenerys' heart. Consequently, she "trades" a dragon for a total of 8,000 Unsullied and Missandei: the master's translator. With the exchange, it is found out that she did not trade the dragon, and it was a trick to kill the master to furthermore give the Unsullied the chance to leave or support her.

Now, Daenerys and her brand-new army travel towards Yunkai where she gives the masters two options. They either free all their slaves or they get killed: they refused, which gets them killed. In Yunkai she hires Daario Naharis, one of the second sons who murders the rest of them to take the oath to Daenerys' service. With Daario, Daenerys now knows the weaknesses of Yunkai, which allows her to free the city.

Furthermore, they travel to Meeren and conquer it easily. She establishes her purpose by arriving on the throne which is "answering injustice with justice", a fact that has been previously evidenced by her actions of freeing slaves and sacrificing the masters. She stays in Meeren and becomes



the ruler of it and the previous cities are conquered.

Moreover, Jorah's betrayal during her time being Khaleesi, which ends up with Daenerys banishing him from the city: making her life even more chaotic than before.

An opposition group, Sons of the Harpy, strikes. The queen and her allies find out the group was being funded by the great families of the city, nonetheless, to avoid following her dad's (the Mad king) steps, Daenerys vows to not execute anyone without giving them a fair trial. Once again, the Sons of a Harpy attack kills Sir Barristan and severely injures Grey Worm, causing Daenerys to take drastic measures against the heads of the great families.

Daenerys reunites with Jorah who brought Tyrion Lannister as a gift to her, trying to win back her favor. Nonetheless, this does not work, but she does receive Tyrion under her wing. Everything starts to fall, nonetheless, she flies away above one of her dragons who ends up staying still in the middle of nowhere. Because of this, a tribe of Dothraki finds her and takes her as a prisoner until they find out she's Drogo's widow.

Hence, she is taken to the Dosh Khaleen, residency to the other Khal's widows. Jorah



and Darioo try to rescue her, nonetheless, Daenerys does that for herself by burning all the Khals, emerging from the fire in front of the rest of the Dothraki. They now oath to serve her.

She arrives back in Meereen, where Theon and Yara Greyjoy are waiting for her to join forces to conquer the Iron Throne. Furthermore, names Tyrion her Hand and finally sails to Westeros.

She now resides at Dragonstone, where she starts inviting relevant people to join forces with. Among those people, she invites Jon Snow who soon becomes his new ally and lover. They begin the planned strategies to conquer Westeros, though their initial plan fails as the Greyjoys are now captured.

Nonetheless, the Unsullied succeed at taking Casterly Rock in which she ends a battle with the Lannisters, nearly killing Jaime. After this, Jon leaves towards the wall to find a white walker to show Cersei Lannister, nonetheless his plan fails which forces Daenerys to save him.

This plan once again fails as one of her dragons dies and is revived by the White Walkers: becoming part of the enemy army. Moreover, her alliances are either dying or getting destroyed, but Jon Snow has a plan: take her to Winterfell.

B. LANNISTER-STARK

After the death of Jon Arryn, King Robert Baratheon travels with his family: Queen Cersei Lannister, Tyrion Lannister (known as The Imp because of a genetic disease) Jeffrey, Marcella, Tommen Baratheon (his offspring), and the king's guard, in the company of Cersei's brother: Jaime. They are welcomed by the Starks: Eddard (Lord of the North), Catelyn, Robb, Sansa, Arya, Bran, Rickon Stark, and Jon Snow, Eddard's bastard. This meeting concludes with the fatidical event of Bran Stark being pushed out of the window by Jaime Lannister after being caught having sexual intercourse with his twin sister, leading to Bran becoming paralyzed for life.

Robert convinced Eddard to leave Winterfell (the capital of the North) to become the hand of the king. He takes Sansa and Arya with him. Nonetheless, his wife Catelyn Stark suspects the involvement of the Lannister in a murder attempt towards Barn. In precaution, she leads to King's Landing to warn her husband. As soon as she leaves, Bran wakes up from the coma induced by the fall.

Catelyn arrives at King's Landing, where she is aided by her childhood friend, Lord Petyr Baelish, also known as "Little Finger". He is



the owner of the brothels around the area, which leads him into knowing a handful of the secrets around King's Landing. He also tells Catelyn that the murder attempt might have been planned by Tyrion, causing Ned and his wife to investigate what might have happened.

Finally, both Arya and Sansa are settling into their roles, Arya studying sword-fighting and Sansa adjusting to her court's role.

Tyrion is still at Winterfell, where he brings a gift for Bran: a saddle that would allow him to ride without the need for his legs.

Jon Snow, Eddard's Bastard, decides to join the Night's Watch: a group of knights in charge of protecting Westeros from one of the biggest and most mythical threats they have, the white walkers. The white walkers are an ancient race of semi-humans that have hidden for thousands of years. Here he meets Samwell Tarly, his closest friend and ally throughout the series.

Furthermore, Ned Stark finds out there are multiple Robert's bastards around King's Landing. Now, Catelyn has finally achieved her purpose of warning her husband of the dangers that represent the Lannister, causing her to leave. On her way to the North, she encounters Tyrion (who was linked with Bran's murder attempt), which



ends up with her taking him back to the North to wait for justice for her son.

King Robert orders the murder of Daenerys as her baby, and her legacy threatens his position in the reign. Daenerys comes from the legendary house of the Targaryens: previous rulers who were murdered by Robert. Therefore, the rightful Queen is Daenerys.

Because of Eddard's investigations on Robert's bastards, he gets attacked by Jaime Lannister, which causes him to bring the knight to justice. Nonetheless, Robert does nothing. Furthermore, he finds out Cersei's children are also Jaime's. In response, Eddard recommends she flee and escape Robert's Wrath.

Nonetheless, before this occurs, the king is maimed by a boar and dies because of the injuries, leaving Ned as the rightful king until Jeffrey is of age.

This dying wish is completely ignored by Cersei, who accuses Ned of treason to the "rightful" king, which ends up with his execution. This forces Sansa to stay in King's Landing, supporting Jeffrey without a chance of sending any message looking for aid towards her family, nonetheless, she makes Arya escape from the region.



By Night's Watch, Jon Snow is requested as the Lord's Commander's steward, which leads many to conclude that Snow is being prepared to be the next in charge.

Eddard's eldest son, Robb, starts a revolution to bring the Lannisters to justice. He meets up with his mother who had just left Tyrion free and sets up a plan to overthrow the current reigning family. On King's Landing, the now King Joffrey names Tyrwin, his grandfather, Hand of the King, and Jaime Lord Commander of the King's Guard: giving all the high positions of the court to the Lannisters.

To pass towards King's Landing, Rob must pass towards a fortified bridge under the possession of Lord Walder Frey, one of the heads of another noble family. He agrees under the condition that Rob would marry one of his daughters. Thanks to this, he can crush the Lannisters' men while taking Jaime (also known as the Kingslayer) captive.

Now, Arya, who had escaped from King's Landing disguised as a boy, is taken to the Night's watch along with one of King's Robert Bastards.

Tyrion finally arrives in King's Landing, now at the Hand of the King as his father is extremely busy with the warfare with the



Starks. This builds a prolonged fight between him and his sister, who resents him because her mother died giving birth to him. Now, Stannis Baratheon, brother of the previous king, is convinced that he is the rightful heir to the throne, therefore with the Red Priestess Melisandre and Davos Seaworth (his knight), they start building a plan to conquer King's Landing. Nonetheless, the king has another brother, Renly, who will later get murdered by a shadow: leaving his wife Margaery Tyrell, part of one of the richest families in Westeros, free of another alliance.

Theon Greyjoy, a boy that was raised by the Starks, assures Robert that he should send him back to the Iron Islands to get ships. Nonetheless, he is not received with open arms as his father, Balon Greyjoy, does not see him as a son anymore.

Back in King's Landing, Joffrey is still being an awful king while ignoring Tyrion, which raises hate among the court and the civilians. Tyrion finds out Cersei had prepared for the attack they predicted with Stannis Baratheon, worrying about the repercussions on the Hand, thereby, worrying about the repercussions on the future of the civilians in the area.

Theon comes back to Winterfell, not fulfilling the promise he had made to Robb:



instead, taking Winterfell with no foresight strategy. Bran and Rickon can escape, therefore the rest of the place is practically destroyed.

On the other side of the wall, Jon Snow is found as he is searching for his uncle, who got lost. There, he encounters the wildlings, who will later be a huge part of his army.

After Catelyn Stark discovers what's going on with her children, she sets Jaime Lannister free to try to negotiate with his family into bringing her daughters back. On this trip, Jaime, who is known as one of the best swordsmen in Westeros, loses his dominant hand: making him vulnerable in front of the rest of the world.

Stannis Baratheon arrives in Westeros with his army but gets defeated due to Tyrion's and Tyrwin's strategies, which saves the Lannisters from losing the battle. The Lannister's patriarch goes back to being Hand as he was key in the victory in the most recent conflict. Then, the hand proceeds into giving Little Finger, Catelyn Stark's childhood friend, Harrenhal, and Margaery Tyrell (Renly Baratheon's ex-wife) the price of marrying the king and becoming queen.

Jon Snow, whom the Wildlings captured, can go back to the wall along the rest of the



Night's Watch. At Winterfell, Theon is captured by a nameless man, who starts a long-lasting torture against Theon: concluding with an experience so traumatic that he loses his identity.

Now that the "war" is over, Tywin orders Tyrion to marry Sansa and Cersei to marry Margery's brother. At the Stark's camp, Robb is paying for a decision he made when marrying Talisa, not a Frey daughter, as he had promised. He goes to Lord Frey to apologize. It is found out that Talisa, Robb's wife, is pregnant. Nonetheless, this happy news is easily overshadowed by the slaughter of Robb, Catelyn, and the Stark army, unleashed by the breach of the families' agreement.

At King's Landing, Joffrey ends up marrying Margery, but that same day is brutally murdered. Cersei accuses her brother, Tyrion of murdering her son, which causes Little Finger to escape along with Sansa to protect her against any action taken against her (as she is one of the main suspects). Then, Tyron finds his father Tyrwin with his lover on the bed. In despair. he kills his father and gets condemned to death by Cescei.

Nonetheless, Jaime helps him escape towards Volantis, where Mormont (one of Daenerys Targaryen's biggest allies, captures



him as a gift to her). Jon Snow is now the Lord Commander, causing revolts at the Night's Watch because of his previous links with the Wildlings.

After Joffrey's death, Margaery marries Tommen Baratheon, the next rightful king to the throne. In the meanwhile, Sansa returns to Winterfell to marry the man who had abused Theon Greyjoy: Ramsay, the son of the man who killed Robb Stark, his brother. This man ends up marrying Sansa and committing sexual abuse on her, which leaves deep psychological scars upon her, evidencing a huge change in her throughout the rest of the story.

Things seemed to be going quite well during Tommen's rule, nonetheless rebellious groups at King's Landing (called Sparrows) arrest "sinners" such as Loras, Margaery, and: Cersei Lannister.

On the other side of Westeros, Jon joins up with the Wildlings again to officially make them allies of the Night watch, which makes him discover that valyrian steel can shatter a white walker.

Now, to be released from the Sparrows, Cersei must endure a shameful walk through the streets of King's Landing to prove that she is sorry for all her sins, which she does indeed. Once again, as it



happened with Sansa, this situation shapes her character as she has now endured harder things than before. The resentment is piling up.

Suddenly, the Night Watch turns against Jon Snow and murders him for allowing the Wildlings to cross the wall to become allies. His body is discovered by Davos and other men, who end up dragging him inside the forte.

Now, Sansa and Theon Greyjoy (who were being tortured for months by Sansa's new husband, Ramsay) end up escaping from Ramsay's men as he is now in charge of Winterfell. Nonetheless, Brienne, a knight who had been protecting the Starks since the time Catelyn was alive, rescues them. Consequently, Sansa puts her under her service: so now, Brienne is one of the closest allies of the Starks.

Unexpectedly, Jon Snow is brought back to life as Melisandre (Stannis's sorcerer) resurrects him. He goes back as Lord Commander of the Night Watch and kills the traitors who previously "murdered" him.

Rickon (the youngest Stark) is now under Ramsay's control, urging the rest of the Stark siblings to gain control of Winterfell to save the people they love.



Brienne takes Sansa to Castle Black (the place in which the Night's Watch resides). There, she is finally reunited with her brother Jon Snow and decides to take back their home from the hands of Ramsay.

In the North, it is discovered that the White Walkers were created as weapons by the Children of the Forest. Additionally, Jon Snow and Sansa have finally united a significantly big army to have their battle against Ramsay. The Starks beat Ramsay and take him as a prisoner, which leads him to his death.

Now, Cersei takes revenge upon the Sparrows, which ends up killing all of them, including Margaery Tyrell: Queen of the Seven Kingdoms and wife of Tommen, the only child of Cersei's that is still alive.

Because of his grief, he ends up taking his life: leaving the throne with no heir. Therefore, Cersei is now the first Queen of Westeros and finally, has full control of the seven kingdoms.

Besides all, Bran, who is the only Stark child, has done practically nothing during the whole story. He has the power of seeing the future and the past. Therefore, he finds out Jon Snow is not a bastard, but a son of Lyanna Stark: Eddard's sister. Moreover, his



dad is the one and only Rhaegar Targaryen: making him the rightful heir to the Iron Throne.

Cersei is now preparing multiple alliances as Daenerys Targaryen (whose plot line can be found out below) has arrived at Westeros to reconquer the Iron Throne.

Arya is now heading northwards, as she finds out that Jon is the new Guardian of the North: he is also now invited to meet Daenerys Targaryen. Nonetheless, Arya arrives at Winterfell and can reunite with Sansa and Bran, the only Starks remaining at the residence (as Jon Snow went to Dragonstone to meet Daenerys).

On that trip, Jon Snow ends up bending the knee to her, which concludes with him leaving to the other side of the wall. There, they have a battle with the White Walkers and lose one of Daenerys' three dragons: which is resurrected by their enemies, giving them a massive new weapon.

Daenerys Targaryen, Tyrion Lannister, and all her allies arrive in Winterfell alongside Jon Snow. The Stark Children remain tense with her presence as they doubt her claim to the throne, however, they remain quiet because of Jon's previous actions (bending the knee). On top of that, Jaime Lannister also arrives at Winterfell, causing even more



tension between everyone located in the North.

Parallely, the Winterfell's war council is preparing their strategy for when the Night's Watch arrives, which ends up occurring even sooner.

PRESENT SITUATION

If needed, the battle occurs in season 8, chapter 3. Additionally, considering the committee will start previously to this point, nothing that happens in the series in the continuing episodes will not be counted as valid.

The Starks, Daenerys Targeryen and her allies are aware of the danger that is coming to winterfell: the White Walkers. Not only does it threaten their individual health but the whole power of the North. If the White Walkers are able to conquer Winterfell, it is over for all the Lords and Ladies of the region. There are multiple options to approach:

First, the delegations have the option of joining a bloody battle between the white walkers and the lords of winterfell by using all the power found in the area and its surrounding to then apply the right strategy to procure the battle is won without losing much of their army.



Secondly, the lords of Winterfell could enter negotiations with the White Walkers to proceed with offerings that should be established in this negotiation.

Finally, to the chair's consideration, it is also possible to escape the region along with their allies and any other individual the delegations might choose.

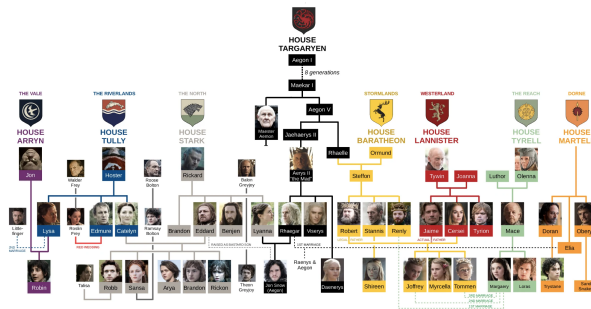
Delegations are enhanced to use their creativity to create any additional outcome to the problem, nonetheless it is recommended to seek solutions or alliances to end the army of the dead. Additionally, Lannister has enough time to arrive at Winterfell to support the Starks in the battle. But a negotiation is needed for this to happen. On the other hand, the Lannister must urgently gather allies (including Jaime, even if he is at Winterfell, or the Golden Company) to protect what belongs to them: King's Landing and the Iron Throne.

After the delegates have finished the first war, it is expected to see a confrontation between the Lannister's and the Stark's. It does not necessarily have to be a massive battle, as this might end up with the death of many relevant individuals of the noble families, but is expected a strategic development that would allow the Starks or Lannisters into gaining or maintaining their reign: always considering the positive and

negative aspects their actions might bring upon them.

King), which gives him the nickname “Kingslayer”.

GLOSSARY OF CHARACTERS



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Cersei Lannister: The oldest daughter of Tywin Lannister who marries Robert Baratheon: leading her to become the Queen of Westeros. She is the mother of Joffrey, Tommen, and Marcella Lannister

Tyrian Lannister: The youngest son of Tywin Lannister who was born with a genetic disorder: that makes him a dwarf. Nonetheless, his high intellect leads him to become the Hand of the King and an ally to Daenerys Targaryen.

White Walkers: A race of ice creatures who remained hidden for years. They can resurrect dead human bodies to make them White Walkers, nonetheless can be destroyed with Valyrian Steel.

The Starks

Night Watch: A legendary order that watches the Wall to prevent the White Walkers from arriving at the Seven Kingdoms.

Sansa Stark: The oldest daughter of Ned Stark who has always followed the traditional role of women. She was taken to King’s Landing to marry Joffrey Lannister, nonetheless, the suffering she went through during those times shaped her into a strategic young woman who knows how to use her disadvantages in her favor.

The Lannisters

Arya Stark: The youngest daughter of Ned Stark who has always been interested in becoming a knight. She rejects completely the idea of fitting into the court role (as Sansa does), which causes her to train herself to become one of the best fighters in Westeros.

Jaime Lannister: Oldest son of Tywin Lannister, who’s Cersei's twin, lover, and father of her three children. He kills the previous king Robert Baratheon (the Mad



Bran Stark: One of the youngest sons of Ned Starks who becomes paraplegic after being thrown out of a window by Jaime Lannister. Nonetheless, he discovers that he is the Third-eye-raven, which allows him to see towards the past and the future.

Jon Snow: Ned Stark's bastard who is discovered to be the son of Rhaegar Targaryen and Lianna Stark, meaning he is the rightful heir to the Iron Throne. He ends up in the Night Watch, which makes him an extremely skilled swordsman and strategist, which leads him to Lord Commander of the group.

The Targaryen (and allies)

Daenerys Stormborn Targaryen: Only living daughter of the Mad King who marries Khal Drogo, making her Khaleesi of the tribe. This gives her the power to become a confident ruler that desires to go back to Westeros as she has been exiled from it since she was a child.

Barristan Selmy: Head of the knights during the Mad King, Robert and Joffrey Baratheon rule who was kicked out to be replaced by Jaime Lannister. He seeks out Daenerys to serve her, always giving her advice as he knew his father: advising her against cruel acts to prevent the Mad King's destiny.

Grey Worm: Member of the Unsullied until he is liberated by Daenerys, who makes him the leader of all her troops which made him one of her most passionate followers.

Missandei: Daenerys's handmaiden and translator who was also a true friend. She was the one who permitted communication between the Mother of Dragons and the numerous people she encountered herself with through her conquest, facilitating the process of getting the Iron Throne.

ORIENTATION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee is expected to be oriented toward the resolution of the war, a conflict that would only end with a definitive heir to the iron throne. To achieve this, it is expected that the delegates explore and use the different benefits and belongings their delegation might have to support their claim to the throne. The committee should also be able to explore different options for the ending that does not include the burning of whole cities as it is endorsed to think of the civilians and the state of the different cities in which battles might be taking place. Finally, the chair expects to see the delegates using creative solutions and strategies to achieve the most favorable outcome, for their delegation.



GUIDING QUESTIONS

¿Which claims does your delegation have upon the Iron Throne? If your delegation has no such claim, whose does it support?

¿Which are your house's allies and enemies? ¿Which resources do they have that could be used to your advantage or against you?

¿Which resources does your house have that would benefit it? If the resources are not enough, what can you do to change that?

Which advantages and disadvantages does your character have over warfare conflicts? How can you use them to your advantage?

¿Which advantages and disadvantages do the enemies of your house have over the conflict? ¿How can you use them to your advantage?

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