



SPECIALIZED  
COMMITTEE:  
COUNCIL OF  
GODS AND TITANS  
TOPIC GUIDE

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Dear Delegates,

My name is Benjamin Good and I'm a sophomore at BCA in the Academy for Engineering and Design Technology and go by Ben or Benjamin and I use he/him pronouns. On behalf of the entire BCA Model UN committee, I would like to welcome you to what is most likely one of your first MUN experiences, JAMUN. I remember my first MUN simulations and conferences, and you are not alone in being a bit nervous today. This is a learning experience for both you and me. My most important goal is for you to be introduced to MUN and have a fun time!

This is my second year of doing High School MUN, although I was first introduced in middle school. While I originally learned the format of General Assemblies, I quickly began to like specialized committees. You get to take the best of GA and Crisis and choose a fun topic that you are interested in and work it out. I hope that you will enjoy our committee session as much as I will. Good luck and I cannot wait for our productive committee sessions together at JAMUN VIII!

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Hello delegates and welcome to JAMUN VIII,

My name is Riyashi Varia (she/her) and I will be co-chairing the SPEC committee this year. I have been interested in Model UN since I was in middle school and this is my first year taking part in MUN conferences. Model UN has been one of my favorite and most resourceful experiences so far in high school as it introduced me to the world of international affairs and allowed me to improve my skills in terms of public speaking and research. I really enjoy being able to research and speak about topics in front of large audiences, along with being able to meet many new people. As part of the BCA MUN team, I have taken part in conferences such as Yale MUN and National High School MUN, among others. Every conference I have taken part in has been an amazing learning experience and there was always something new to learn. I hope that JAMUN VIII, as well, proves to be an excellent learning experience for all of us and allows for us to grow and refine our skills in Model UN and its various aspects.

Outside of Model UN, I am a freshman at BCA in the Academy of Engineering and Design Technology and you can find me working on robotics as part of BCA's robotics team, Titanium Knights, hanging out with friends, and reading books (I'm an avid Percy Jackson fan, haha) about various topics. I am also part of BCA's Society of Women Engineers, pAsia chapter, along with other clubs. I hope that you all will enjoy the simulation that we have planned and are able to work together to create creative, multi-faceted solutions. If this is your first conference, don't worry if you're nervous, my co-chair and I will be here to help you along the way. Always feel free to reach out to me with questions via email. See you soon! :)

Riyashi Varia

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## INTRODUCTION

For a little background about this committee, it is a specialized committee, which means that it does not exist in the United Nations like a regular General Assembly would. However, we will still be following the General Assembly format. You all have received roles of significant Olympians and Titans in Greek mythology. For the purposes of this committee, we will be using both Greek myths and the Percy Jackson novels by Rick Riordan as a reference. If you have any questions about whether something is canon or not, feel free to email either of the chairs. Your actions in this committee should, to an extent, reflect the views of the Greek deity that you are representing to allow for a more fruitful discussion. This meeting takes place in current times (2022) in the midst of a second Titanomachy.



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## HISTORY OF THE ISSUE



Prior to the rule of the Olympians (Gods), the Titans ruled over the land of the Cosmos. After years of their rule, the king of the Titans, Kronos (also known as Cronos), learned of a prophecy that stated one of his children will overthrow him. To prevent this, Kronos swallowed all of the children he had with his wife, Rhea, besides Zeus, who was hidden by Rhea to protect him from Kronos. Once Zeus grew up, he was able to get his father to release his siblings. The Olympians, enraged after years of imprisonment by their father, decided to wage a war against Kronos and the other Titans. This war was known throughout Ancient Greece as the *Titanomachy*.

Only two Titans, Themis and Prometheus, decided to aid the Olympians in the war and not support Kronos. After ten long and gruesome years, the war had been won by the Olympians who, in the aftermath, came up with various forms of punishment for the Titans--ranging from banishing them to Tartarus (the deepest pits of hell) to secluding them from the rest of the world.



Photo: "Fall of the Titans" by Jacob Jordaens, 1638.

## **CURRENT SITUATION**

Now, in the year 2022, after millennia of imprisonment, many of the Titans, including Kronos, have begun to stir and rise out of Tartarus. The second Titanomachy is upon us. The ordinarily immortal Kronos' is still in the process of returning to its original form; however, he is now able to influence monsters, demigods, and other mythical beings to do his bidding. His former army has begun to gather once again and they are

waging attacks against the Olympians to weaken them so that the Titans can return to power once again. This is causing great unrest in both the mortal and immortal worlds. Titans will stop at nothing until they gain back their power, while Olympians have to fend off attacks while tending to their godly duties. Deities, you may plan counterattacks, espionage, and a variety of other plots to aid your side of the war.



Photo: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (2010)

## **CHARACATER**

### **POSITIONS**

#### ***Kronos:***

Kronos (Cronos) is the king of the Titans, the God of time, and the son of Uranus (heaven) and Gaea (Earth). He was banished to Tartarus by his children, the Olympians, during the First Titanochamy. While some claim that Kronos was a ruthless ruler, others claim that his

rule was a Golden Age for humans. He was infamous for swallowing his Olympian children after their births once he learned via prophecy that they could overthrow him.

***Atlas:***

Atlas aided Kronos during the Titanomachy by leading the fight against the Olympians. However, upon the loss of the Titans, Atlas was condemned to hold up the world by the Olympians at the western edge of the world. For the purposes of this simulation, the Three Fates are the reason why Atlas is able to leave his position and represent himself at the council of Gods and Titans.

***Zeus:***

Zeus is the last born child of Kronos (the lord of the Titans) and Rhea (the queen of the Titans). He overthrew his father during the first Titanomachy where he fought for ten years against the forces of the Titans and eventually sent the majority of the Titans to the deepest pits of Tartarus (Hell in Greek mythology). He is the God of the sky, lightning, and thunder as well as the ruler, protector, and father of all Gods and humans.

***Hades:***

Hades is the eldest son of Kronos and Rhea who serves as the king of the Underworld and God of the dead. During the first uprising of the Titans, Hades supported his brother Zeus, who freed him from their father's stomach. However, Hades was later ostracized by the rest of the Olympians due to the possible threat that he might attempt to overthrow Olympus. When the Titans rise, Hades will play a vital role, as the entrance to Tartarus is within his domain, meaning that he would be the first to know if any of the beings are stirring.

***Poseidon:***

Poseidon is the second-born son of Kronos and is the God of the sea and waters. He fought alongside his brother during the Titanomachy and took over the place of the titan Oceanus after the defeat of the Titans. Poseidon was known for working against the Titans alongside the Hecatoncheires (hundred-handed ones) during the first Titanomachy. Despite his wavering loyalties, Poseidon typically sides with Olympus. As the Titans begin to rise, Poseidon will face the trouble of having to fight off ancient water spirits, and possibly even Oceanus himself, to protect his domain.

## **POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS**

As in any general assembly committee, we ask that you stay in character when thinking of possible solutions. You want to think and act like your character would. Your actions will depend on which side of the conflict your character supports. Please do research on your character's potential reactions beforehand, so that way you know how your character would react. Since there is no way to know everything about a character, you are given some creative liberties on how you would like to handle smaller situations, but just remember to not do anything that your character would not backup or support. Some may be in support of the Titans ruling, while others may favor the Gods ruling. It's up to the delegate to interpret and figure out which side.

## **KEY QUESTIONS**

- If you were caught in the battle of the second Titanomachy, what would your plan of action be?
- What does your character stand for? What would they do in this moment of crisis? Whom would they want to take control of power?
- What do you think will happen as a result of the second Titanomachy? Will this result in another turnover of power? Will the world forever be destroyed?

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