

SSISIM 2022

THE SEVEN YEARS WAR, REIMAGINED

**HAUDENOSAUNEE
BACKGROUND GUIDE**

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EQUITY AFFAIRS

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear delegates,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this year's edition of SSICSIM, and the QCC of the Seven Years War: Reimagined. My motivations behind orchestrating this committee are equally me being extremely nerdy and wanting to be able to discuss important events in Canadian history that I feel are often glossed over. I am also acutely aware of the problems facing indigenous communities in Canada, so as a result I chose to include their perspective in the war.

It should be noted that I do not intend to rewrite history, but simply offer an alternate perspective on past events. In that same breath, I wanted to ensure somewhat equitable representation in the committees in terms of characters, however unfortunately there was not much that we could find. The committees will all start in 1754 with the taking of Fort Necessity and will be periodically updated with events as each public and private directives are passed.

There will be pre-planned events, but ultimately YOU decide the final outcome of this war which I think is the most interesting part. For those of you who are unfamiliar with crisis, you will be assigned a character and your aim is to improve their standing within the committee. Additionally your aim is to improve your camp's position in the war. This will be done by passing public directives as well as private directives in order to influence the crisis updates which will help determine your course of action during committee.

This was definitely a huge task for me and everyone else involved to see this conference and these committees come to life but I'm glad we got it done and I'm excited to help you guys all have an amazing time as delegates here at SSICSIM!



MARTIN MADIBA (HE/THEY)
DIRECTOR FOR THE SEVEN YEARS WAR, REIMAGINED

HISTORY/CONTEXT

The War of Austrian Succession

An important element in the prelude to the Seven Years' War was the War of Austrian Succession. Prussia and France won in this conflict against Great Britain and Austria. While Austria ceded land to Prussia, Britain and France's longstanding tensions went unresolved. Simmering over the following decade, these tensions erupted in the Seven Years' War when French troops took Fort Necessity in 1754.

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy

The circumstances behind the formation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy are shrouded in legend. It was allegedly created by a man called Hiawatha 5 to 7 centuries prior to the Europeans' arrival. The Confederacy united the Indigenous tribes on the south shore of Lake Ontario. These include the Seneca, the Onondaga, the Oneida, the Cayuga and the Mohawk. According to legend, the founder Hiawatha wished for all people to live in harmony, an invitation which was accepted by the Tuscarora tribe in 1722.

STATE OF AFFAIRS

Dating back to the French exploration and settling of the Mississippi valley by explorer Samuel de Champlain, the French were in frequent conflict with the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. When the French began trading with the Wendat, they made themselves party to the Wendat's conflict with the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. The Wendat proved a vital ally to the French; however, this alliance was diminished when the Haudenosaunee, supported by the British, dispersed the Wendat nation.

The Hudenosaunee had been at war with the surrounding Algonquian tribes for quite some time, having subjugated most of them in part thanks to the purchase of Dutch firearms. Their main enemies however were the Wabanaki Confederacy and the Lenape nation, as well as both the French and the British. Nonetheless, they maintained a neutral stance by forging trade relations with the aforementioned parties.

Present Situation

Despite seeking British assistance, the Haudenosonee were very keen on maintaining their autonomy, and their primary objective was playing the British and the French off each other. As a result, at the turn of the 18th century, they began selling small parcels of land to British settlers. Nonetheless, the Haudenosonee were more than open to expanding the Confederacy. They welcomed various new members; for instance, the Tuscarora nation, sponsored by the Oneida, joined in 1722. A critical point for delegates to make note of is that the Haudenosonee only forged relations with the Europeans when it benefited them; their primary concern was to look out for their Confederacy.

Questions to Consider

- What steps must your delegation take to guarantee the Haudenosaunee Confederacy's independence?

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- What actions can the Confederacy take to spark conflict between the two European powers?
 - What is necessary for the Confederacy to implement if they wish to secure their hegemony over the lands they inhabit?

CHARACTERS

Sayenqueraghta

The war chief of the Seneca from 1751, Sayenqueraghta commands a considerable force of Seneca out of what is now Geneva, New York. As the war chief of one of the Six Nations of the Confederacy, Sayenqueraghta also holds considerable negotiating power within the Confederacy itself. He is an active participant in diplomacy, having negotiated with the European colonial powers at Philadelphia in 1754. Though the Seneca have historically been closer aligned to British than French interests in North America, Sayenqueraghta's position as war chief may determine the allegiance and the fate of the Seneca in the years to come as tensions rise between European powers overseas and in North America.

Tanacharison

Known as the half king, he was a Seneca leader during the war

Hendrick Theyanoguin

Mohawk leader during the war.

Joseph Brant

Also known as Thayendanegea and the younger brother of Sir Johnson's wife Molly Brant, Joseph Brant was a 12-year-old child at the outset of the war. Though he has no hereditary stature within the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, his position as the brother-in-law of the British Superintendent of Indian Affairs gives him a unique avenue into diplomacy between the Haudenosaunee and the British.

Molly Brant

Sister of Joseph Brant, influential link between the British forces, the Confederacy and other

first nations groups - The elder sister of Joseph Brant and wife to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Sir William Johnson; Molly Brant serves as an advisor to the Superintendent and manages affairs of the Superintendent's household, as well as his professional responsibilities, in his absences.

Sir William Johnson

An Irish-born man who had close ties with the Haudenosaunee Confederacy; he will later on in the war become a chief. Johnson is the main link between the British and the confederacy and has important connections to British chains of command

Chief Peter Hendricks

Led a group of approximately 250 Mohawk Warriors to battle in 1755, where he met with his death; the delegate's goal will be to survive this battle and in doing so, influence the Haudenosaunee Confederacy's course of action.

Representative from Seneca Nation

You will be representing Seneca in this committee.

Representative from Mohawk Nation

You will be representing the Mohawk in this committee.

Representative from Oneida Nation

You will be representing the Oneida in this committee.

Representative from Onondaga Nation

You will be representing the Onandaga in this committee.

Representative from Cayuga Nation

You will be representing the Cayuga in this committee.

Representative from Tuscarora Nation

You will be representing the Tuscarora in this committee.



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