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**WABANAKI CONFEDERACY
BACKGROUND GUIDE**

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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 Wabanaki Confederacy

The Wabanaki Confederacy was established in the late 1600s when Samuel de Champlain founded Quebec City. The members of this Confederacy inhabited the lands south of the St. Lawrence River, Acadia, and parts of Newfoundland. The Wabanaki Confederacy was composed of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot nations.

It was formed due to the First Algonquin War between British settlers and Algonquin peoples in the region, with the Algonquin emerging victorious. Following this conflict, the Wabanaki Confederacy became a loyal ally to the region's French settlers.

Present Situation

The Wabanaki Confederacy was established mainly in the region now known as Acadia. The French ceded this land to the British in 1713 via the treaty of Utrecht. Following this succession, British settlers increasingly encroached upon the Wabanaki's lands and also began raids in which they captured and enslaved Indigenous peoples. Currently, the British are an existential threat and the Confederacy, despite still trading with France, feels they cannot be relied upon militarily to help them maintain their autonomy.

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The Wabanaki Confederacy aims to play the French and the British off of each other on the continent. Another mission is to recruit new allies to ward off British expansion into their homeland. There is also the Issue of Haudenosaunee nations encroaching on Wabanaki territory prior to the war, which made them concerned with fighting the Haudenosaunee during the war.

PRESENT ISSUES

Prior to the start of the war, the Wabanaki were facing some existential threats not only from the British presence in the area but also from the Haudenosaunee Confederacy's raids. Furthermore, European diseases have severely diminished Indigenous Populations making it harder to fend off invaders. It should be noted that the Wabanaki alliance with France was one stemming from convenience. The main focus for the Wabanaki confederacy at the start of the committee is its own survival.

Leading Questions

1. How can your delegation contribute to maintaining the Wabanaki Confederacy's independence?
2. How can trade between the Wabanaki Confederacy and the Europeans be enhanced?
3. How could this additional trade assist in the Confederacy's survival?

CHARACTERS

Louis Cook

Akiatonharónkwen or Joseph Louis Cook was born into an Afro-Abenaki. However, after his family was taken captive in a french raid, and Cook threatened with slavery, he was adopted into the Mohawk Tribe . Cook was taught English and French by Jesuits as well as receiving their education. With war on the rise Cook now joins his adoptive Tribe in their struggle with the French against the British.

Hannah Freeman

Lenape artisan. Fluent in english, she wanted to avoid the war as best she could, can be a vessel for an early peace with the British.

Bemino/ John Killbuck Sr.

Renowned medicine man and leader of the Lenape and Shawnee warriors during the war.

Glikhikan

Prominent Lenape chief who sided with the french during the seven years war

Joseph Orono

Born of a Euro-Penobscot family and inherited the position of a Sachem (chief) and was known for his devotion to the Catholic faith after he was converted and taught by French Jesuits. He persuaded his tribe to join the French in their struggle against the British.

Nickolar

Relative of Orono, Influential in helping Orono convince his tribe to join the French.

Chief Pontiac

Chief Pontiac was a Lenape chief that was active during the war. The Lenape were allied with the Wabanaki confederacy and as such he has ties with many other first nations groups in the area

Representative from Mi'kmaq Nation

You will be representing the Mi'qmaq People during this war who were very important allies of the French throughout the Seven Years' War. The French have established many trading posts for the Mi'kmaq over the early 18th century. As such, the French are an important trading partner for the Mi'qmaq.

Representative from Abenaki Nation

You will be representing the Abenaki People who inhabit areas in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. The Abenaki felt threatened by British expansion into their territories, but were very loyal to the French missionaries among them. Father Rale was one such missionary.

Teedyuscung

Known as the "King of the Delawares", a particularly influential figure who allied himself with the French.

Representative from the Maliseet Nation

You will be representing the Maliseet People during this war who were very important allies of the French throughout the Seven Years' War. The French have established many trading posts for the Maliseet over the early 18th century. As such, the French are an important trading partner for the Maliseet.

Representative from the Passamaquoddy Nation

You will be representing the Passamaquoddy People during this war who were very important allies of the French throughout the Seven Years' War. The French have

established many trading posts for the Passamaquoddy over the early 18th century. As such, the French are an important trading partner for the Passamaquoddy.

Representative for the Penobscot Nation

You will be representing the Penobscot People during this war who were very important allies of the French throughout the Seven Years' War. The French established many trading posts for the Penobscot over the early 18th century. As such, the French are an important trading partner for the Penobscot.

Charles Mouet de Langlade

Ottawa warrior allied to the French during the war.

Shingas

Lenape Chief and warrior who was allied with the French.

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