HMDC Presents...

Position Paper Outline

Mongol Empire, 1225 (Crisis Committee)

Topic: Death of Genghis Khan

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Delegate name:

Character:

Committee:

Date finished:

HOW TO USE THIS OUTLINE

A position paper tells the chairs what my character thinks about the crisis and what my character wants the committee to do. It is short, usually about one page, and it has three parts: the problem, what has already been done, and my character's solutions.

This outline is a plan for that paper. Fill in each box in your own words, using the HMDC Report for this committee and the chair's character list. Write short notes first, then turn the notes into full sentences at the end.

WHAT THE CHAIRS WANT IN DECEMBER

In this committee, delegates sit as members of the Mongol Empire in 1225, when Genghis Khan is close to death. The empire has two weak points: keeping the family and the army united, and finding a steady way to pass power to the next ruler. Delegates must keep the Mongols in power while they shape the empire's political, economic and military institutions.

Keep this in mind: Modern United Nations material is background only, because none of it can be used inside a committee set in 1225. A crisis committee may not need a full position paper, so we follow the chair's instructions.

THREE BIG QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Who should rule after Genghis Khan, and how should that be decided?
2. How can the family and the army stay united?
3. How should the empire collect taxes, keep the law and run its huge lands?

WHERE THE FACTS COME FROM

Every fact in your paper should come from the HMDC Report (HMDC-MUN-DEC-2026-MONGOL-1225-REPORT-FULL-v6.pdf) or from a page you opened yourself. Write the source next to each fact, so you can show the chairs where it came from. The official committee page is here:

https://www.harvardmun.org/mongol-online

PART 1: THE PROBLEM

Explaining the problem

Start with what the problem is and who it hurts. Use one or two facts with their sources.

Our topic, Death of Genghis Khan, matters because...

The people who are hurt most are... because...

One fact that shows how serious this is: ... (Source: ...)

Connecting the problem to my character

Show the chairs why my character cares.

For my character, this problem looks like...

My character cares about this because...

PART 2: WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE

Past action inside the empire

Name one or two ways Genghis Khan has already kept the empire together, and say whether they will still work after he dies.

Genghis Khan has already... (Source: ...)

This helped because... but it may not work after his death because...

Past action by my character

Name something your character has done or believes. Use the HMDC Report and the chair's character list.

My character has already...

This shows that my character wants...

PART 3: MY CHARACTER'S SOLUTIONS

Choose one or two ideas that fit my character. These ideas come from the HMDC Report for this committee:

- Confirming Ogedei as ruler through a kuriltai (a great council)
- A regency under Tolui
- Dividing the empire into family lands (ulus)
- Governing by taxation instead of destruction
- Strengthening law, writing and religious tolerance

Our main solution

Explain what should be done, who will do it, and how it will be paid for.

My character proposes that the committee...

This will be done by... and paid for by...

This solution helps because...

Our second solution or a way to work with others

Show that my character is ready to work with others at court.

My character also suggests...

I hope to work with characters who...

FINAL CHECK

- ☐ My paper names my character and the committee at the top.
- ☐ Part 1 explains the problem and uses at least one fact with its source.
- ☐ Part 2 names something the empire and my character have already done.
- ☐ Part 3 gives at least one clear solution that fits my character.
- ☐ Every fact has its source written next to it.
- ☐ My paper fits on about one page and uses my own words.
- ☐ I read it aloud once and fixed anything that sounded unclear.

NOTES AND PRACTICE

Use this space for notes on speeches, partners and questions to ask in committee.