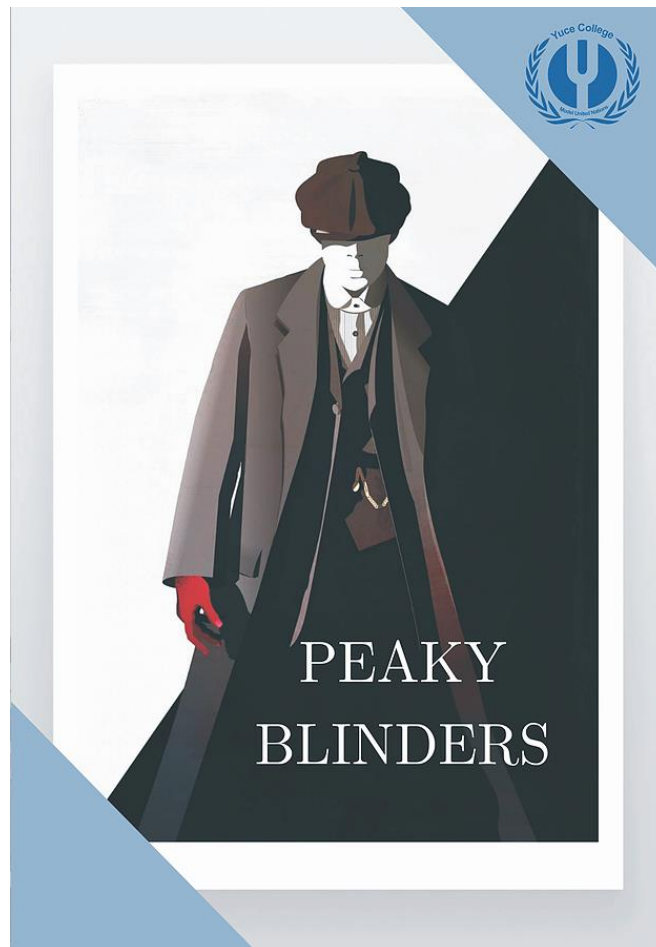


YCMUN '19

The Peaky Blinders

Study Guide



Letter From The Secretary General

Principled Attendants and Associate Advisors,

I would like to begin by welcoming you all to the fifth annual session of YCMUN. After attending many conferences and developing a new perspective upon global issues, it is my sheer honor to represent Yüce College as the Secretary-General of YCMUN'19. We are proud to host fellow participants in the capital city of Turkey, Ankara.

I cannot stress enough, the hard work put in by the members of both the academic and organization team. Throughout the process of making this conference happen, I have gotten to know many people that I can proudly call family. Personally, I see Model United Nations conferences as not only to improve academic success but also as way to gather under one roof with others to create sincerity. The MUN conferences that I have attended have truly shown me how a person that you have met for the first time in your life can become someone that is sincere by the end of the conference. Developing new friendships and gaining people that are sincere to you is a factor that I would be honored to reflect upon participants.

We believe the conference my team and I have taken upon ourselves to organize, is bound to host newcomers to the MUN community. I also personally believe that this conference can be a well-taken opportunity to develop your MUN career while you also have the greatest four days of your life. Even if you are a first-timer or a highly experienced participant, I guarantee that you feel at home throughout the duration of YCMUN'19. I am pleased to invite you all to our conference to become members of our family!

Sincere Regards,

Ulaş Güler

Secretary General

Letter From Under Secretary General

Dear Delegates,

I have the utmost pleasure and honour of welcoming you to YCMUN 2019. My name is Onur Alp Çimen and I will be serving as the Under-Secretary General of the Peaky Blinders Committee. I would like to thank my dear friend Mr. Ulaş Güler for welcoming me in this conference.

I believe being a first timer will not be much of an issue for this committee as the rules of procedure for this committee will be explained detailly in the sessions. Also, it might be an advantage for the delegates to watch the TV-series beforehand, yet that also won't be much of an issue because the topic of the committee will be mentioned throughout the guide for you to understand the conflict. This committee will have a very unusual rules of procedure. Unlike other committees there won't be too many motions or general GA procedure, the floor will always be open because this committee is not a model of a meeting, the gangs and their members are artificially present in an artificial communication. Yes, it sounds very weird, but we will explain the committee in the study guide and even more detailed in the training session. The crucial part to this committee is the CRISIS ROP. A document is attached on the website to furthermore study it. If anything is unclear about the CRISIS ROP no worries, all will be explained in the training sessions. The delegates will use directives to execute their moves, The directives will be explained in the training session of the conference. All necessary procedure will be repeated in the first day of the conference. For the procedure to be understood better please attend the conference being read the CRISIS ROP.

I think that our committee will be great and we will all have great experiences during the four days of YCMUN 2019. Furthermore, I would like to thank my committee directors Berke Tuğral and Yiğit Özen for all their help on preparing this committee. Please do not be shy and try to do your best and for any questions please feel free to contact me from @cimenonuralp@gmail.com.

Kind Regards,

Onur Alp Çimen

Under-Secretary General

Introduction to the Committee

In the beginning of the 20th century in Great Britain there were some gangs and criminal networks. What is a gang? A gang is usually considered to be a group of people who spend time in public places that see themselves (and are seen by others) as a noticeable group and engage in a range of criminal activity and violence. They may also identify with or lay claim over territory and/or are in conflict with other gangs. However, the families that we are going to handle in this committee are more than just gangs, they are more of a criminal network. What is a criminal network? A criminal network is different to a gang. A criminal network is a group of individuals involved in persistent criminality for some form of personal gain (this includes profit and/or to gain or demonstrate status) which is causing significant harm to the community. They can be simplified as a group that keeps breaking the law to make money. This law breaking is causing harm to the community or is a problem internationally (e.g. people trafficking), they are running an illegal business and violence is used in order to make money.

This committee is about some fictional gangs (or criminal networks but we will call them gangs) which take place in a fictional TV show called “Peaky Blinders”. This committee consists of 3 gangs which have 15 members in total and will be represented by the delegates, and a chairboard which is independent from the story. The committee takes place in early 20th century in Great Britain. And the factions are the Peaky Blinders, the Jewish and the Italians. In our situation, they will clash for power with each other and try to take control over London.

Procedure Of The Committee

The committee begins with a roll call. After the roll call there won't be a need for a motion because this committee has an open agenda and the floor is always open for speakers. So how does speaking work? It's actually pretty simple, anyone who wants to deliver a speech will raise their placards as a request of the right of speech and if the chairboard grants it, they will be allowed to speak within a time limit. Another question is that how will the people in the same faction communicate so that they can take a decision? Talking with low voice between faction members are allowed in this committee. That's how speaking works in this committee.

In the committee there will be a lot of updates per session because that's how the committee makes progress. Factions take actions with directives and there will be updates as their results. The floor is a common communication place between the factions, moreover, this committee is not about a meeting, it's a surreal diplomatic communication between the factions and that is why the members do not need a motion to set a topic (because there won't be a topic) or a speakers list. The floor is always open and all you have to do to speak is to raise your placard. If the committee members (factions) agree upon holding a (artificial) conference (like a peace conference) then Standard MUN procedures will be in use. Otherwise, it's the special procedure.

And there will be a type of caucus and that means that yes, there are motions in this committee but they won't be used as much as in the other committees. The caucus type is ***Diplomatic Caucus***. A Diplomatic Caucus is a special diplomatic meeting of a group of people in a place outside of the committee. The meeting will be observed by a chairperson. In the Diplomatic Caucus people can write documents that will be used in the committee such as agreements, treaties and directives. This type of caucus is necessary so that factions or members can have agreements such as secret ones between them.

This committee won't have a resolution paper. The only documents in this committee are directives, agreements and treaties. These documents can be prepared individually or as a group anywhere, anytime. They only have to be approved by the chairboard to take effect.

This committee will mostly include war. To help the territorial war we will provide strategic maps and information about the factions. But there are no obligations and whatsoever for factions' diplomatic position. They can ally with whoever they want, make peace with whoever they want, fight whoever they want etc. The way you represent your name does not depend on the TV-series, everything is dependant on your imagination. Whether you want peace or war; it is up to you. Finding key points that weaken the target are crucial, and the way to execute these plans are through directives.

For controlling a faction, we will give some information about controlling a faction but not all information. You will have to research a bit. So, when controlling a faction, there must be simple majority in the voting within it's members when making any decision for the faction. The things that a faction (a gang) can do, they can cooperate with the police in many different ways, they can change or add their business for making money (for example trading some goods) they can attack places, they can try to assassinate somebody, they can make agreements with other factions, they can recruit troops, they can obtain vehicles or weaponry and etc. There are so many thing a faction can do. That means this committee is not a simple map based war game, it has so many details and that's why there are many members of factions. The actions that the factions take will not be controlled by any member of the chairboard or the academic team if not really necessary. Now there are leaders of factions. How does that work? Like we said, the decision taking process within a faction requires a voting and the voting needs the acceptance by a simple majority between the members to pass. The faction leaders do not have the right to take decisions by themselves but they are the head representatives of their factions and the chairman of their faction's meetings, votings etc.

Other committee rules are the same as the other ones and they will also be explained in the training session.

Factions:

Italians have initially formed their businesses in New York; as the mafia. With the help of these sort of works, The Italians have a lot of money. The Italians do have territory in London. However, most of their territory is located in a specific area down South. They own many private buildings that satisfy them with money. Somebody has to show the Italians that power does not come with money...

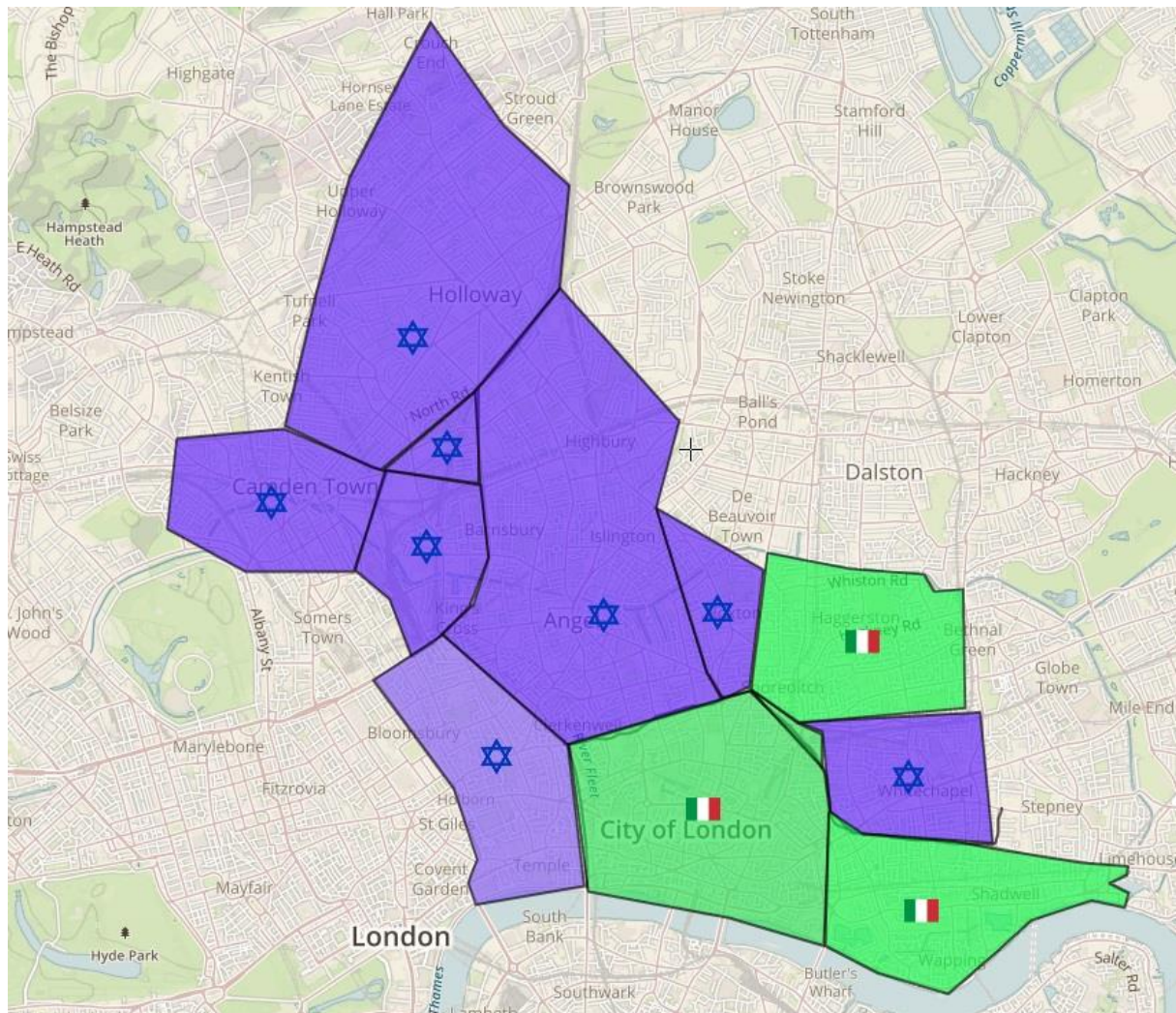
When it comes to the Jews their economy is not well enough as the other gangs. Their businesses, such as the alcohol trading markets, supply them with little income. They have territory all over London in scattered places. Hideouts underground, in the sewers, etc. are present for them. The crucial part of their strength is the territories in London; where many Jews are in control. Because the Jews have a wide range of arms throughout London, this requires a certain amount of manpower. They do have enough manpower, yet since they are scattered in the territories; the Jews do not have central power in any region. To form this central power, they must gather their men in a decided location or region. However, this might lead to them losing much of the territory scattered in London.

As the last gang fighting for strength in London, these are the Peaky Blinders. Originally from Birmingham, this gang has done a lot for the citizens. This helped them gain the trust of citizens, moreover, this is where most of their manpower comes from. Their income is based on horse-betting business and the company is starting to expand with the money that is made. One could say that the Peaky Blinders have the strongest manpower out of these three gangs because these are the people that have a mutual aspect of trust. As mentioned, the Peaky Blinders are inevitable in Birmingham but are yet to have territory or power in London. This is exactly what they are fighting for. Since their business is bound to expand from just Birmingham to a major part of London, they are looking for a way to do so.

The Peaky Blinders' ways of transport or trade will be a problem because the Jews are stronger in those parts. However, taking over those trade roads or tunnels shall not be a problem because they have men that they can trust. The Peaky Blinders' manpower can be enough to get in and out of London, yet it will not take care of their aim of capturing territory. The Italians have important regions of London already captured, and people on their payroll will not give up so easily; as long as they get paid.

This where the tricky part comes in. Each gang differs in their way of strength, and they have advantages over the other in some ways just like they have disadvantages as well. It is up to the leaders and representatives to find weak spots or tactical maneuvers to weaken the other gang for the fight of power in London.

Current Status of London:



As you can see the Peaky Blinders are yet to be on the map. They will prove their power by taking the first piece of territory in London so that they can try to increase their strength.

Characters (Delegates):

Elizabeth “Polly” Gray is the matriarch of the Shelby Family, aunt of the Shelby siblings, the treasurer of the Birmingham criminal gang, the Peaky Blinders, a certified accountant and treasurer of Shelby Company Limited. Aunt Polly has looked after her nephews Arthur, Thomas, John, Finn; Shelby, and Ada Thorne since they were young. She was ahead of the businesses, while the Shelby boys were fighting in World War I.



Thomas Michael Shelby is the leader of the Birmingham criminal gang, the Peaky Blinders and the patriarch of the Shelby Family. Tommy served in World War I with the rank of Sergeant Major and was decorated for bravery. His experiences in World War I left him disillusioned and beset with ongoing nightmares, and he became determined to move his family up in the world. He is known for his charisma, intelligence and the way he holds his temper.



Arthur Shelby Jr. is the eldest of the Shelby siblings and a tough member of the Peaky Blinders and the Deputy Vice President of Shelby Company Limited. He is known for his anger, short-temper and madness. He acts as his brother Tommy Shelby's right hand man.



John Michael Shelby, is the third of Shelby siblings and a high ranking member of the Peaky Blinders. He is also a 1/3 shareholder in the Shelby Family business, Shelby Company Limited. He is the husband of Esme Shelby and therefore related to the Lee Family through marriage.



Michael Gray is the son of Polly Shelby, the cousin of the Shelby siblings and a powerful and high ranking member of the Peaky Blinders. He is the Chief Accountant of Shelby Company Limited, a position that caused tensions between John Shelby and himself prior.



Ada Thorne (née Shelby) is the fourth and only female of the Shelby siblings being the widow of known communist Freddie Thorne, and the only sibling initially not involved with the Peaky Blinders. By the end of 1924, however, Ada assumes a leading position at the United States branch of Shelby Company Limited, dealing only with legal acquisitions; unlike her brothers back home in Birmingham, England.



Finn Shelby is the youngest of the Shelby siblings and a member of the Peaky Blinders. As he is the youngest of the Shelby's, Finn's involvement within the Peaky Blinders is kept minimal, with his brother's Tommy and Arthur and aunt shielding him from the worst of their actions.



Alfred "Alfie" Solomons Jr. is a Jewish gang leader who resided in Camden Town, London. It is implied that Alfie's mother was a Russian refugee, where his mother was from and that he went to school in London with Darby Sabini. He met Thomas Shelby, having sent him a telegram as a form of greeting, but also as a way of getting him to help with the war between the Jews and the Italians.



Luca Changretta is the main antagonist of *Peaky Blinders*. He's the oldest son of Vicente Changretta, a New York mafioso with a vendetta against the Shelbys. Luca Changretta is an Italian American, and the leader of the Changretta mob. His mob does work in the liquor business stationed in New York. The mob has a heavy rivalry with Chicago's Al Capone, as New York is an important trading port for transporting alcohol from Europe. Changretta is also a soldier for the Spinietta family. In approximate 1919-1920 Luca Changretta came from New York to Birmingham to be best man at his cousin's wedding then came across with the British gypsy gang, The Peaky Blinders.



Charles "Darby" Sabini is a British Italian gang leader from London, England. He was at war with Alfie Solomons and Thomas Shelby before (between 1921-1922). Darby Sabini considers becoming an ally of Luca Changretta to beat the Peaky Blinders.



Ollie is the assistant to Alfie Solomons and is regularly present during his meetings, both with Sabini and Thomas Shelby. He records the meetings between Alfie and his business partners and take notes.



Vicente Changretta is the father of Luca Changretta. After finding out about the burning of his son's restaurant, by John Shelby he meets the Peaky Blinders, asking for an explanation. John offends Vicente as well as threatens his son, which greatly angers him. He begins boasting in public about how he will kill John, but John retaliates by brutally beating up the man's son Angel. As a result, Vicente hires a man to help him take revenge. At the Shelby Charity Foundation Dinner, the man Vicente had hired shoots Grace Shelby(wife of Thomas Shelby) in the chest, which cause a huge war between Shelby and Changretta families.



Mikael Lahrheim is a member of Alfie Solomon's Jewish gang, handling private and mostly illegal business. He is known for his fearless behavior. ¹

Luigi Valentini is a member of Changretta mob, that is known for his great skills with any types of gun. ²

^{1,2:} These two individuals are made up character names inserted for the flow of the debate in the committee by the Under Secretary General, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General.

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