

Philosophers Forum [100 points]

The Philosophers & Esteemed Guests

Aristotle (Greece)
Rene Descarte (France)
Thomas Hobbes (England)
John Locke (England)
Baron de Montesquieu (France)
Jean-Jacques Rousseau (Geneva, Switzerland)
Mary Wollstonecraft (England)
Voltaire (France)
Queen Elizabeth I (England) and King Louis XIV (France)



TOPIC: What is the best form of government and can the people be trusted to rule themselves?

The philosophers and guests who will be present have shown to have different views of what the best form of government is. Each philosopher will state which form of government they support and also be prepared to oppose other philosophers and guests. Questions should be created to help disprove the theories of other philosophers and guests.

Actor – The actor will prepare a typed one-minute speech (hard copy will be turned in) on the topic from the point of view of their philosopher or guest. Students should best represent their views and must be prepared to respond to the questions of fellow classmates. In addition, the actor will prepare two questions for other philosophers or guests.

Advisor – The advisor will provide a typed one-page single-spaced caucus outline for their philosopher. The advisor will also prepare three questions for other philosophers or guests. The advisor must also be prepared to help the actor in address any questions directed towards him/her.

Public Relations (Historian) – The public relations officers will create a placard for their particular individual in addition to a poster, sign, or visual greater than 11” x 14.” Public relation officers may also bring in or create props or visuals for the panel. The public relations officer will only compile five major historical events for their philosopher. In addition, the public relations officer will prepare one question for other philosophers or guests.

News Reporters – The news reporters will be doing background research on each philosopher in order to create three questions to address to various members of the philosopher panel. The news reporter will submit their one-page typed article in the following day in the format of a newspaper (ie. special colored paper, crinkled, smeared). The News Reporter should prepare three questions for the panel and must ask at least one question to the panel.

All members of the class must dress the part and will receive a deduction in their grade if not.
Togs, wigs, etc. are perfect for actors, while MUN attire will be fitting for other positions.

Philosophers should be prepared to discuss the topic at hand from their philosopher’s perspective. The class will open with their speeches and then the floor will be open to questions from the audience and will continue until time allows. Please be in character throughout the simulation.