



Roman Senate





Greetings delegates,

There are moments in history when entire civilizations change, and while there are always long term effects that create such change, in some cases there is an event which can be singled out as a pivotal point in time. The Roman Civil War is one such event, and it is your job, as delegates, to immerse yourselves into your respective roles, and relive this moment in history.

My name is Aatif Rashid and I would like to welcome you to the Roman Senate at the UC Berkeley MUN Conference. I am a junior majoring in History and English, and have a passionate interest in Ancient and Medieval History, as well as in modern politics. Most importantly, I am fascinated by the parallels drawn between the two. I have been a part of UCBMUN for three years, and am currently one of the Head Delegates of our travel team. As your chair I will be facilitating debate and discourse between you, the respective members of the Senate, and will help guide you to achieving your goals amidst the crises that you will face. Yet I hold no influence on the course of events. The decisions you make are entirely yours, and the committee will move in the direction that you as a body choose.

As the Roman Senate, you are responsible for the welfare of your people. As men, and in many cases, flawed men, you all have individual desires and agendas as well. These will no doubt come into conflict, and lead to an immersive and intense debate. This moment in history which we chose to reenact is not just a means for interesting debate. It is also a window into a civilization, perhaps in decline, a window which may provide us with interesting reflections on our own society. Through this debate, I hope you learn not just something about Rome, but perhaps about the world we live in as well.

Good luck,

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