

PIRATES^{of the} CARIBBEAN

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Chair Bios

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Hey! I'm Neha, your head chair, and I'm a senior at Foothill High School. This is my fourth year in MUN and my fourth time chairing. Outside MUN, I love eating and music. My current favorites right now are Kaytranada and Don Toliver. I've loved the Pirates of the Caribbean movies since I was little and I'm so excited for committee :) Looking forward to meeting all of you! Email me with any questions you have: neha.venkataraghavan@gmail.com

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Hi, I'm Niti Jain, your vice-chair, and I am a junior at Foothill High School. It's my 2nd year doing MUN and it's my first time chairing. I love to travel and I love going on walks. If you want to reach out to me, feel free to send an email to nitijain.1209@gmail.com.

Tech Policy

This committee is **no tech**. The use of electronic devices is not permitted during all committee sessions. All directives, notes, and other required writing will all be handwritten. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in consequences for delegates. Please print out any research or materials you will need for the committee.

Topic Background

The Beginning - Curse of the Black Pearl

In a world where seas are ruled by greed, myth, and occasional flying Dutchman, Jack Sparrow arrives on the scene; a charismatic, swaggering pirate with questionable navigation skills but undeniable charm. His prized ship, the Black Pearl, has been stolen by his former first mate Captain Hector Barbossa. Jack has one thing on his mind: get back *his* ship, no matter the cost (or how many rum bottles it takes).

Now comes Elizabeth Swann, the governor's spirited daughter, who's secretly fascinated by pirates and daring adventures. Alongside her is Will Turner, a skilled blacksmith with a mysterious path tied to the sea. 8 years ago, the two had first crossed paths as children when Will was washed aboard her father's ship. Around his neck was a mysterious golden medallion with a skull imprinted onto it. Suspecting that Will was a pirate and fearing her father would hang him if he found out, a young Elizabeth took the medallion for herself and saved him from a death sentence.



Things get complicated when the crew of the Black Pearl, led by the backstabbing Captain



Hector Barbossa, decides to take Elizabeth captive because she claims her name as "Elizabeth Turner" and reveals the last gold coin. In pursuit of her escape, Elizabeth discovers the crew is under a curse. By stealing

Aztec gold from a hidden chest, they've doomed themselves to live as skeletal beings under moonlight, unable to feel or die. Unless each gold coin is returned, the curse will never be broken.

After a decade at sea, Barbossa's crew had managed to retrieve all the stolen gold they took,



fulfilling all but one requirement to break their curse. There was one last puzzle piece that they finally acquired (or at least, they had thought so): the blood of Bootstrap Bill, the only one left to draw blood from, along with the piece of gold that he had stolen. With that last gold coin returned, Barbossa cut open Elizabeth's arm, the "direct blood descendant" of "Bootstrap Bill" Turner. But alas, her blood had no effect and the curse remained in place; they remained undead. Enraged by her (albeit unknowing) deceit,

Barbossa knocks Elizabeth unconscious. Having snuck into the cave and suspecting that Sparrow may betray them as well, Will Turner knocks Jack out and rescues Elizabeth before escaping.

Back aboard the ship, Elizabeth returns the last piece of gold, the medallion, to Will. That's when Will realizes the truth: it was *his* blood that would lift the curse on the Black Pearl's crew. He was the real son of "Bootstrap Bill" Turner. Jack's wit and Will's swordsmanship clash and combine in a race against time to break the curse, save Elizabeth, and reclaim the Black Pearl. From explosive sword fights to daring escapes, this adventure sets the stage for a pirate saga like no other.



The Adventures Continue - Dead Man's Chest

After escaping the curse of the Black Pearl, Jack Sparrow's troubles only multiply. Apparently, the sea doesn't like it when you just walk away from debts. Davy Jones, the tentacle-faced captain of the ghostly Flying Dutchman, who holds the ultimate pirate IOU: Jack owes him his soul.

The hunt is on for the Dead Man's Chest, which contains Davy Jones' heart: the key to controlling him. Jack races to find it first, but he's not alone. Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann, are caught in a tangled web of loyalties, betrayal, and a secret pact that could doom them all.



Meanwhile, the East India Trading Company has also discovered reports of the legendary Chest. For Lord Cutler Beckett, the EITC's leader, securing the Chest guarantees safe trade routes and the elimination of piracy once and for all. Beckett acts quickly to obtain this advantage, but Jack Sparrow and his allies' reckless pursuit disrupted the Company's shipping lanes and led to



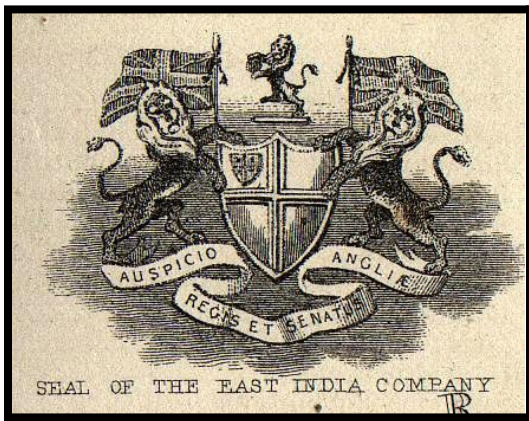
violent clashes, endangering both merchants and civilians. However, this conflict comes to an end when Davy Jones unleashes the Kraken on Jack, dragging him to the depths of the sea in order to pay what he owes. Although the Company did not obtain the Chest in the end, Beckett still emerges stronger, tightening the Crown's authority and positioning the EITC closer to ultimate control over Jones and the Dutchman.

“Not all treasure is silver and gold, mate.” - Jack Sparrow

The East India Trading Company

The British Empire and The East India Trading Company

As the British Empire expanded, the East India Trading Company became the heart of the exploratory efforts. Much of the British success came from their ability to control trade across the



seas, and the Company was entrusted by the Crown themselves to protect British interests abroad, establish order, and ensure the safe flow of goods that powered the Empire's prosperity. Over time, the Company has built fleets of ships, trained thousands of soldiers, and accumulated immense political influence. These factors have made the

EITC the backbone of Britain's colonial domination; over the land and seas.

However, the increase in piracy has posed a constant and destructive threat to this mission. These pirates were not simply thieves; they were a destabilizing enemy towards global trade as a whole. They've continuously disrupted vital shipping routes, attacked innocent merchant vessels, and drained wealth from the Empire's economy. Every ship looted by the pirates represents not only a financial loss, but a swing against the British authority. If this continues, the world will begin to think of the British Empire as inferior to the kings of the sea. Pirates thrive on chaos and lawlessness, directly opposing the EITC's noble mission towards order, prosperity, and progress.

Under the leadership of Lord Cutler Beckett, the EITC is taking decisive action to eradicate this menace. Unlike other governments, the EITC has both the power and the resources to end the pirates swiftly and without mercy, with its naval power, legal jurisdiction, and supernatural means

(such as Beckett's power over Davy Jones and the Flying Dutchman). To the Company and its allies, the struggle is obvious: the seas must be an area of lawful commerce, not a haven for petty criminals.

Crusade Against Piracy

While the pirates were a fearsome force for the Company, they weren't alone. Beckett made deals with other forces in the Caribbean, such as the infamous Jolly Roger. Their alliance was made to eradicate piracy once and for all. In the preparations for attacks on the pirates, many of the settled islands of the Caribbean were (mysteriously)



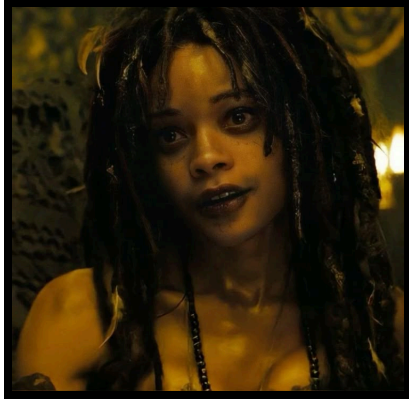
destroyed in explosions. While some were from careless gunpowder planting, the Tortuga explosions were an open war on Piracy. Later, the company, led by Beckett, captured the heart of Davy Jones and used their control over him and the Flying Dutchman (Jones's ship) to launch another war on piracy. With the Flying Dutchman backed up by an army of three hundred ships, the Company destroyed many pirate vessels and became the greatest power in the Caribbean. In addition, since Beckett was able to force Governor Swann of Port Royal into service at the company, they were able to perform mass hangings on pirates and suspected pirates without challenge.

Current Situation



With Sparrow consumed by the Kraken and the Black Pearl in shambles, the balance of power in the Caribbean has shifted towards the EITC. Now that Lord Beckett holds the Dead Man's Chest and the power of Davy Jones and the Flying Dutchman, no fleet or pirate can move without the risk of being struck down. The EITC has already been using this advantage successfully, by burning out pirate havens, intercepting smuggling routes, and hanging every outlaw the sea washes up. The Caribbean, once plagued with awful chaos, is now being reformed into glorious order. Trade is freely flowing under the Company's protection with ports falling in line with the British, and any whispers of rebellion are quickly drowned out by the rising fear of Beckett and the Dutchman. For the first time in decades, the dream of a sea free from piracy is beginning to form.





But not all threats have been fully extinguished. Rumors are spreading of the Brethren Court gathering, the pirate lords desperate enough to scheme with dangerous forces they barely understand. Calypso, the sea witch, is suspected to be their only chance against the EITC; but these whispers are simply myths, whereas Beckett's power is reality. While the Company stands strong for now, constant vigilance is required. The pirates are wounded, but the EITC must not stop until they are dead. Until then, the desperation that fuels the pirate's mission makes them extremely unpredictable. The EITC has one goal: the total elimination of piracy and complete domination over the seas. The Dutchman sails under Company colors now, and with every passing day, the grip of the Crown grows tighter. Order is coming, and nothing will stand in its way.

“The Brethren know they face extinction. All that remains is for them to decide where they make their final stand.” - Lord Cutler Beckett

Questions to Consider

1. How can the East India Trading Company fully consolidate its control of the seas now that the Dutchman sails under its command?
2. To what degree should supernatural forces (like Davy Jones or the rumored sea witch Calypso) be treated as real threats, and how should the Company respond to them?
3. Should the Company attempt diplomacy with certain pirate factions to weaken the Brethren Court from within, or is total eradication the only option?
4. What punishments or legal measures should be imposed on not only pirates but also civilians or merchants who provide them aid?
5. How can the Company ensure that colonial governors and local leaders remain loyal, given the risk of bribery, corruption, or sympathy toward piracy?

Character Descriptions

Lord Cutler Beckett

The ruthless and mean leader of the East India Trading Company in the Caribbean is Beckett and he uses politics, business, and military force to strengthen Britain's control over the ocean. He sees order as number 1 priority, believing pirates are a problem to be removed. Cold and heartless, he sees people as game pieces in a larger match.

Ian Mercer

Beckett's loyal helper who takes care of spying, threats, and assassinations. Mercer is known for doing the Company's dirty work all behind the scenes. He follows Beckett's orders completely and never questions them. Using cruel and underhanded tactics, he will stop at *nothing* to aid Beckett's pursuit of power and control over the high seas.

Lieutenant Gillette

The right hand man to James Norrington, Gillette is a strict and straight forward naval officer who does what he is told without hesitation. He is always focusing on his duty and never slacks off. His dedication to the British and the law is unwavering, and he will carry out his mission no matter the circumstances.

Admiral James Norrington

Norrington is a navy officer who is on his journey to help hunt pirates and focus on himself. He is known to have a low reputation but he is working towards improving and gaining his confidence. He is willing to do what it takes to prove himself and his worth.

Lieutenant Theodore Groves

As a lieutenant of the British Royal Navy and East India Trading Company, Theodore Groves is a 'by the books' officer with a calm demeanor who serves under Beckett. Although he is an upholder of the law, he has an admiration for pirates. His conscience towards the pirates could prove to be a barrier to the company and their harsh methods.

Governor Weatherby Swann

As the governor of Port Royal and representative of the Company, Weatherby Swann is a charming and polite man. While he wished only the best for his people. However, he was coerced into the company by Beckett. But don't mistake kindness for weakness, as Swann has a fiery hatred for pirates, considering them to be bloodthirsty savages.

Mullroy

Mullroy was a marine in the British Royal Navy before he was stationed in Port Royal under the command of Commodore James Norrington. He often is seen serving alongside his fellow marine, Murtogg. Likewise, he is rather slow-witted but is well-intentioned and seemingly has a talent for survival despite it. Overall, he is a loyal officer to his post.

Murtogg

Mullroy's comrade in arms and fellow naval officer, Murtogg is only slightly better than his friend, but still not the sharpest tool in the shed. Though he is relatively dimwitted, he seems to have a knack for staying out of trouble. In addition, Murtogg is a skeptic when it comes to anything supernatural. Overall, he is a loyal officer to his post.

Elizabeth Swann

As the daughter of Governor Swann, Elizabeth puts on the mask of a noble lady and plays the part of the perfect daughter. But behind the scenes, the stagnant life of Port Royal bores her. She dreams of a life of adventure and thrill (like a pirate)! From her numerous encounters with pirates, she turned from a proper lady to an intelligent and fearless pirate on the seas. Even the fiercest of pirates know to respect her.

Commodore Samuel Pennington-Blythe

An ambitious officer has perfect manners which hide his ruthless hunger for promotion. Pennington-Blythe helps Beckett's mission, but he's quick to abandon allies when the odds shift to his favor.

Matilda “Tilly” Greaves

Tilly is the communicator and master signaler for the team. She sends messages between ships and also knows how to intercept them. Deep down she has a strong hatred for pirates for destroying her home town.

Admiral Horace Grimthorpe

Grimthorpe is a royal navy veteran who has been taught to enforce laws and is now spending the rest of his years looking for pirates. His son was killed in a pirate raid so he shows no mercy when it comes to pirates.

Lady Prudence Fairwater

Fairwater is a wealthy widow who sees the company as a successful project and looks forward to their future. She is traveling with the crew to observe and see the company's operations. After all, she is eager for the drama of the crusade against piracy, and many know the consequences of disappointing a woman of her stature.

Tobias "Inkspot" Kilburn

Kilburn is the cartographer for the company and is known for his magical mapmaking skills. He makes navigation ten times easier for the crew. He is also fond of mythical stories about the sea such as the black pearl.

Sergeant “Ironjaw” Merton

Merton is a marine that is a perfect representation for the company’s muscle. He looks fierce and is said to have fought 10 pirates all by himself once. Other than his looks, he is known for his loyal and trusting personality. He is said to never reveal anyone’s secret and has always supported his crewmates.

Elias Dumbarton

As a decorated naval strategist for the Royal navy, Dumbarton has an acquired taste for “high risk, high reward” strategies. In his eyes, pirates (or anyone who gets in his way for that matter) are simply bugs to be crushed under him. Because of this, he is constantly pushing the company to strike the pirate’s strongholds whenever the moment presents itself.

Dr. Octavia Bradwell

Bradwell serves as the ship’s surgeon and medical specialist, a key part of preserving the health of the crew and navy. While she keeps the soldiers healthy, her “concoctions” have proved to sometimes have... unpredicted side effects. Regardless, she insists all her medicines are perfectly safe (even if they glow in the dark...).

Alistair Cooke

Cooke is the “master-at-arms” of the ship, in charge of keeping the crew on their toes and making sure the ship’s weaponry is stored away safely. The security of the ship is his utmost priority, and he has a knack for spotting troublemakers before they get the chance to act.

Phineas Norbridge

A trade supervisor for the company who has pledged his “loyalty” to the company. While he claims that however, his true loyalty lies in the side making him the most money. Norbridge has publicly bashed pirates and their name, yet some anonymous sources say that he occasionally “loses” shipments at sea with goods that pirates would love to get their hands on..

Allen Warwick

A now retired naval officer who now serves as a military advisor for the Company, Warwick is a firm believer that the only cure for the chaos of piracy is strict discipline and order. In his eyes, there is only one way to reach his desired order in the high seas: the downfall of all pirates.

Hugh Adams

Adams is one of the few pursers permanently stationed on the deck of the ship. Tasked with overseeing the general supply going in and out of the ship, he has found that there isn't much that he can do due to his position despite his growing need to prove his worth to the Company and his superiors.

Oliver Bennet

A powerful merchant, Oliver has close ties to the British navy, and works tirelessly to keep the British crown, and himself, rich. As a powerful merchant, he also had many connections with people

from all over to know exactly how and where to get what he wanted. While he rarely explores by himself anymore, his vast wealth ensures his naval power.

Harry Whitmore

As an established member of the Company, as well as a well respected member of the elite class, Harry holds many connections with merchants and nobles. While he tends to focus more on his naval duties, mainly gaining more wealth, should it grow necessary, he is more than capable of calling upon his many friends.

James Lark

As a skilled strategist, James has been called upon by the Company to analyze the movements of the Pirates. He is known and revered for his quick wits, and with the help of his many connections with scholars throughout the world, find a way to crush the pirates for good.

Frederick Langley

As a well known weapons manufacturer, Frederick has been expecting to be pulled into the conflict with the British and the Pirates for a while. He has prepared by amassing as many weapons as possible to aid his country. Or at least that's what he's told the Company. No one can ever know for sure what motives he might have.

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