



The Arab League 1967

The Arab League Summary:

The Arab League (also known as the League of Arab States) was founded on March 22, 1956. Its purpose is for its members to openly discuss any problems or solutions and to coordinate responses between its members. However, in this historical committee, you will take on the roles of important figures from across Middle Eastern countries, Israel, and the world to discuss the Seven-day War, also known as the 1967 War.

Roles:

Gamal Abdel Nasser

King Hussein of Jordan

King Faisal Bin Abdulaziz

Yitzhak Rabin

Levi Eshkol

Abdul Munim Riad

President Lyndon B. Johnson

Leonid Brezhnev

Foreign Secretary George Brown

Yasser Arafat

Emir Jaber

Muhammar Gaddafi

Topic 1: Cold War and the Middle East

While the Soviet Union's influence on Egypt and its alliances with Arab republics grew, Middle Eastern and North African monarchies built alliances among those wishing to counter Egypt and the Soviet Union's growing power. As such, countries like Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Jordan were supported by the United States, the United Kingdom, and Italy. Meanwhile, Egypt was supported by the Soviet Union, China, and Cuba. In committee, delegates should discuss whether to break away from engagement in the Cold War on behalf of the Soviet Union and United States.

Questions to consider:

How has Egypt fallen into the hands of the Soviet Union?

Why have the monarchies allied themselves with the United States?

Should Middle Eastern countries' alliances with each other change?

Topic 2: Causes and Consequences of the 1967 War

The 1967 War is known commonly as the "Six Day War" because it was between June 5 and June 10 that Israel launched the war. On June 5 it began when the Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol started to attack Syrian airfields. On June 10 a cease-fire was declared after Israel made an offensive attack in the Golan Heights. Delegates should be prepared to discuss how their role viewed the 1967 War and what led to the '67 War, as well as the consequences of this war and how they plan to move forward.

Questions to consider:

What led to the war from your point of view?

What do you think of the war and the different interests and actors involved?

What are the effects of this war?

How do you plan to move forward following this conflict and why?