

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ZORAH

20GA The Okafor family settles in the Zorah Valley.

NOW

18GA The Kingdom of Zorah is established and led by the Adisa royal family.

16GA The Okafor family establishes their first mining operation.

13GA The Okafor family's network of mines are among the most valuable in the world.

Following years of corruption and decay, the people of Zorah launch a revolt against the Mad King of Adisa. Led by Mya Okafor, the rebellion succeeds, and the Adisas are removed from power. Turning down the title of Queen, Mya accepts the position as Protector of the Realm. The Okofor family rescues Zorah from crippling debt and uses their vast mining fortune to reinvest in roads, schools, parks, and hospitals for the people of Zorah. The Okafors take a 49% stake in the Bank of Zorah to prevent a financial collapse. The wealth of the Okafors and the nation of Zorah become entangled and in many ways, inseparable. The wealth of the Okafors 11GA is estimated to be worth \$30B in inflation-adjusted dollars. Upon the death of Protector Okafor, a new Okafor leader is installed by mandate of the people to serve a term for life. This process repeats for next 10 generations.

The Okafors dramatically increase mining production to meet infrastructure and social welfare goals. Investments are made in art, antiquities, foreign economies, and domestic corporations. This is known as the Golden Age of Zorah.

The mines fail and costs soar. Known as The Time of Empty, Zorah spirals into an economic depression. The Okafors sell their 49% stake in the Bank of Zorah to keep the government solvent after the Bank shareholders refuse to help.

Amid a controversial outlay of government funds to repair the crumbling Summerland Palace, momentum gathers to revoke the Okafor's mandate to rule. Despite great respect for the Okafor family, many Zorahns have a bleak outlook on the future and feel that a change of leadership, once unthinkable, may be necessary.

Upon the death of the Protector, the Okafors lose the mandate to rule in a razor-thin vote. The Republic of Zorah is established, and free and fair elections are organized. All Okafor assets are frozen until the high court can determine rightful ownership. The Okafors, in reality, are bankrupt due to the collapse of their mining empire. They sue the new government for a return of their estates, possessions, and lost wealth.

ROYAL PALACE

\$700M

The ancestral palace of Zorah was built 19GA by the Adisa. When the Okafors became Protectors of the Realm, the palace was in disrepair. The royal residence was restored to its full glory 8GA and has been the main residence for every Okafor Protector since then.

SUMMERLAND

\$100M

The original home of the Okafor family, Summerland is a network of dense forests and rivers with a stately residence. When the Okafor family moved to the Royal Palace 11GA, Summerland was used to raise and educate the Okafor children. During The Time of Empty, repairs of Summerland using government funds became a national controversy leading to the lost mandate and the establishment of the Republic of Zorah.

STABLES

\$50M

Built on the grounds of Summerland, the stables house some of the finest racing horses in the world. Built 6GA, the stables are a major tourist attraction in Zorah and a source of immense national pride.

BANK of ZORAH

\$30B

In exchange for rescuing the Zorah economy after the revolt 11GA, the Okafor family took a 49% stake in the national bank and funneled their own money into keeping it afloat. Following strategic investments 6GA under the leadership of Protector Okafor, the national bank flourished. During The Time of Empty, the majority stakeholders voted against Protector Okafor's rescue plan and refused to help the Zorahn people recover from the economic depression. Out of both protest and necessity, the Okafors sold their stake back to the bank to keep the government from defaulting.

MINING STAKE

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The source of the Okafor wealth, the mines owned by the family contributed massively to Zorah's growth and modernization in the last 11 generations. After exhausting the mines and leaving significant environmental destruction, the mines are now a substantial liability.

SWORD of ZORAH

\$10M

The sword used by Mya Okafor in the revolt against the Mad King 11 centuries ago. This particular sword is featured on the national flag, is a synonymous with Zorahn identity, and considered a national historic treasure.

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ART and ANTIQUITIES



In the last 11 generations, the Okafor Protectors made brilliant investments in ancient, modern, and contemporary art in addition to cultural artifacts and antiquities. Using only a small outlay of funds, this vast collection is now among the finest in the world.

FOREIGN GIFTS



As the hosts of royalty, politicians, and celebrities for 11 generations, the Okafors have a collection of gifts they received in exchange for their hospitality: some priceless, some worthless, and many others quite uniquely and lavishly bizarre.

RING of RUBY



After the defeat of the Mad King of Adisa, his ancestral Ring of Ruby was taken by Mya Okafor and passed down from generation to generation. The Ring symbolizes the right to rule, and the initials of every Okafor Protector in the last 11 generations is engraved into the ring. Although valued at 10M, the Okafor's consider this artifact to be priceless and their rightful property.

ROYAL WARDROBE

\$100M

Although they refused to be considered royalty, the Okafor family spent wildly on the latest fashions of the era. These gowns, uniforms, and accoutrements span the history of the Protectorate, and showcase truly original pieces of finery.

- 1. Make a ruling as a group concerning the ten (10) assets claimed by the Okafor family. Please post your choices in a commonly shared spreadsheet.
- 2. Individually or in teams of two, please answer the following question:

What assets should be retained by the Okafor family? Why?

Your response should exceed 500 words and demonstrate a command of Zorah's history, politics, and future. Successful papers will draw universal conclusions from this particular example and communicate a strong viewpoint and sense of justice.