

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Your characters below are NOT based off real people throughout history and any reference to someone is purely coincidental. Learning your character background and policy is very important to do before the conference. Also, your actions in committee must be reflected by your character policy. Chairs will be checking to make sure you stay close to your policy in your papers and during the crisis committees. Have fun and don't be afraid to be creative!

1. Alex Gama: Alex Gama is an official naval officer with over ten years of prior experience in shipbuilding and overseas expansion. Gama advocates expansion and encourages the embracement of industrialization. With the highest naval rank of Admiral of the Fleet, Gama is in command of the Portuguese fleet. Gama has earned the nobility's trust over the years and will receive full support from them. Gama looks to first claim parts of western Africa, specifically taking control of the Congo River. With the control of the Congo River, Gama hopes to open up more ports for Portuguese expansion. Gama would like to conquer African territory by moving from port to port, claiming the most land possible on the coasts. From the ports, Gama hopes to move inland and seek land with an abundance of natural resources.
2. Valentine Viera: Valentine Viera is an advisor of the Portuguese government. Viera strongly encourages expansion in order to acquire natural resources for industrialization. In addition to advocating industrialization, Valentine Viera also encourages an increase in trade. In order to achieve higher trade rates, Viera supports expansion in sub-saharan Africa in order to further expansion and trade. Viera has been an advisor for twelve years and is highly respected among the Portuguese people. Viera encourages colonization in Africa to supply Portugal with an additional source of income. Any colonies established in Africa that may become centers of trade will greatly enhance Portugal's economy.
3. Henrique: Henrique is a young first lieutenant looking for a way to help Portugal regain power among the other European nations. Henrique despises the success of the other European nations due to his deep nationalism for Portugal and history with foreigners. Henrique's hatred for the other European nations began when his father was murdered by a Spanish man. Later on, in his early teens, a Frenchman tricked Henrique out of his family's inheritance, sparking Henrique's deep passion for the downfall of the other nations. Henrique is open to any ideas that support expansion in Africa, but he believes it is best to approach Africa from the east and west coasts. Henrique wishes to develop settlements and make claims to territories before the other European nations have the chance to do so. Doing so, Henrique believes that Portugal can control the southern portion of Africa, thus regaining Portugal's former glory. Henrique will do almost anything to ensure Portugal's success in the colonization of Africa. Due to his hatred for the other European nations, Henrique will not stand for the other nations beating Portugal in the scramble for Africa.
4. Alfonso Lopes: Alfonso Lopes comes from a long line of naval officers. His grandfather was best friends with the late King, making his family extremely

close with the Portuguese Royal Family. With close relations to the Royal Family and nobility, Lopes has the ability to access unlimited funds for expeditions. Lopes holds an Admiral rank and supports expansion. Lopes has spent seven years as an officer and is loyal to the success of Portuguese expansion. Lopes believes an approach to conquer areas on the coasts of Africa will benefit Portugal the most in order to open up trade. Also by conquering the limited natural harbors that Africa contains, Lopes believe that they could gain naval superiority in the region.

5. Joaquin Calvaro: Joaquin Calvaro is the Portuguese Captain of Sea and War. After rising up the ranks with brutal force, Calvaro is determined to further expansion. Calvaro also seeks to take control of the east and west coasts of sub-saharan Africa in order to further open trade. Calvaro is also interested in land with natural resources in order to aid industrialization. Calvaro will do almost anything to ensure Portugal's success, even enslaving the local natives in order to maximize the efficiency of the colonies. Calvaro has no problem with overseeing the destruction of native lands if it means gaining territory with abundant resources. Many see Calvaro as ruthless and cruel, yet still support his actions due to the idea of success.
6. Frederico Andrade: Frederico Andrade is involved in maritime trade. In Portugal, Andrade grew up working on ships and trading from port to port. In his early twenties, Frederico encountered a man who had said he had been to Africa. The man explained to Frederico of all of the potential African territory held for colonization. Inspired by this stranger, Frederico has always had an interest in the colonization of Africa. With industrialization growing and the need for expansion rising, Andrade encourages African conquest. Andrade hopes to start a new life in the African colonies where trade will be opened and industrialization will thrive. He also hopes that Portugal can be the main force of trade between Africa and Europe.
7. Igor Alvares: Igor Alvares is in charge of railroad systems in Portugal. Due to the success of industrialization, Alvares supports expansion to open up more opportunities for his business. Igor has traveled all over Europe. During his travels he went to Spain, France, and Great Britain. Alvares was impressed the most with the advancements in Great Britain that had come from industrialization. Alvares strives to keep up with the advancements the other European nations are making through further industrialization. Alvares advocates expansion in Africa since it would provide access to more natural resources. Alvares sympathizes with tribes affected by expansion, however the economic benefits from expansion cause Alvares to support it anyway.
8. Manuel Saraiva: Manuel Saraiva is the owner of the Naval Rocha shipyard and supports expansion. Saraiva advocates expansion to the east and west coasts of Africa for the purpose of having his business profit. The shipyard would supply ships from Lisbon to the expeditions to Africa, increasing profits for Saraiva. Saraiva also wants an accessible port on the west coast for easy trade between

- Portugal and sub-saharan Africa to transport natural resources. Saraiva also hopes to expand his company by establishing Naval Rocha shipyards along the African coast. Saraiva hopes to be able to ensure the success of his company through the colonization of Africa and gaining new territory.
9. Tatiana bastos: Tatiana Bastos is the niece of the respected, retired Naval officer, Eduardo Bastos. Eduardo Bastos was responsible for Tatiana's interest in Portuguese expansion. Tatiana was raised in a family of naval officers and has close relations to the Portuguese nobility. Tatiana Bastos advocates expansion and is an expert on naval means due to her family history. Bastos encourages expansion in sub-saharan Africa, but specifically near the Congo River, since it would open up many trade routes and would provide natural resources. The natural resources include a limitless supply of running water, rich and fertile soil, and minerals from the surrounding areas of the river.
  10. Luana Lopes: Luana Lopes is the sister of Admiral Alfonso Lopes, and comes from a long line of naval officers. Luana Lopes agrees with her brother's plan to conquer the coasts of sub-saharan Africa. However, Luana Lopes believes that with expansion, caution should follow. Luana Lopes fears that native African tribes will retaliate to Portuguese expansion. Luana fears for the natives due to rumors of Joaquin Calvaro's involvement in expansion. Luana Lopes has had interactions with Calvaro in the past and is aware of his brutal force. Personally, Luana despises Calvaro, due to his inconsiderate attitude towards the natives, but will work with him if it means bringing success to Portugal.
  11. Lia Carvales: Lia Carvales is an expert jeweler and advocates Portuguese expansion in Angola and other parts of south-saharan Africa due to reports of great amounts of precious metals found there. As a young girl, Carvales received a gold necklace as a gift from her late mother. When her mother passed away, Carvales took up an interest in becoming a jeweler due to her fascination with gold. As a jeweler, Carvales has had a great deal of experience in identifying different precious metals. Carvales hopes to find great trade in Africa to boost the exchange of precious metals and other items throughout Portugal. Specifically, Carvales hopes to discover large amounts of gold and diamond ore.
  12. Carlota Andrade: Carlota Andrade is the wife of Frederico Andrade. In order to support their four children, Carlota agrees with her husband that expansion would help their business boom. Carlota agrees that new African colonies would provide a new hope for struggling businesses and could potentially open up trade. Carlota has witnessed her husband's hard work over the years involving trade and hopes to start a new life in a colonized port city in Africa. Although Carlota questions the credibility of the stranger's observations of Africa that had inspired her husband, Carlota believes her husband will be able to make a name for himself in Africa, even if Africa is different from the descriptions they have heard about it. Carlota believes that expansion could provide her family the opportunity to find great success and a new life.

13. Leandro de Sa: Leandro de Sa is apart of the Portuguese nobility. Leandro is an extremely distant relative of Manuel I of Portugal, but still holds a high level of importance in the noble class. Leandro de Sa comes from an extremely wealthy family that made their money from exploration in the fifteenth century and also had ties to the Royal Family. Due to family history, Leandro de Sa strongly encourages expansion and development of colonies in Africa in order to make an economic profit. Leandro believes Africa will provide an enormous amount of natural resources. Leandro is mostly interested in gold along with other precious metals.
14. Samuel Perges: Samuel Perges is a naval cadet. Although still a student, Perges hopes to prove himself worthy through expansion in Africa. Perges grew up in a relatively poor family and had to help support his younger siblings while growing up. Samuel's entire family is heavily relying on his success of rising up the ranks and becoming an official Naval Officer. Perges hopes that African settlements will be taken with force in order to prove his worthiness to the Portuguese Navy. Perges hopes to rise up the ranks and seeks an opportunity for this in expansion in Africa in order to please his family. Perges believes Joaquin Calvaro's ruthlessness will allow Portugal to easily take Africa with force. Perges hopes to gain Calvaro's trust to help him become a Naval Officer.
15. Alex Borges: Alex Borges advocates industrialization. As a young child, Borges was fascinated with the new technologies being created and the advancements in society. Borgess advocates expansion in Africa in order to harvest natural resources that can be transported back to Portugal to be used for industrialization, since Portugal was falling behind other European nations, such as Great Britain. Borges believes in permanent settlements being established in the African territory because it will produce a constant supply of natural resources. One natural resource in particular Borges is after for is wood. This is why he believes in seizing control of portions of Central Africa which hosts many dense forests that can provide a huge amount of wood. Borges believes that the wood is necessary for advancing Portugal's ship-making industry and keep Portugal on the top considering this commodity. In the end, he believes that any means necessary should be taken to reach this resource of lumber.
16. Manuel Rego: Manuel Rego grew up in a Portuguese family full of merchants. Rego witnessed trade exchanges with African settlements at a very young age and feels threatened by other the other nation's interest in Africa. Rego believes Portugal should take action immediately and claim as much territory as possible in order to preserve trading functions. Rego believes that it is important not to dominate over African tribes. Rather, Rego believes in simply increasing Portugal's presence in Africa to increase trade. Rego believes that it is important to create trading partnerships that are mutually beneficial. Ultimately, Rego is willing to compromise with many other Portuguese people believing in the colonization of Africa; however, Rego wants to ensure that little to no harm is pushed onto the native African people and Portugal's influence is limited to only trading with Africa.

17. Luca Peres: Luca Peres is involved in the gold trade. Peres belongs to Portuguese nobility and relies on the exchange of precious metals as a second source of income, other than family inheritance. Peres has been involved in trading gold for other goods for the past sixteen years and has a very high amount of experience in traveling across Europe as well. Peres advocates expansion in the eastern parts of Africa due to reports of high amounts of gold. Peres hopes to find gold and riches in Africa. Peres believes it is very important for Portugal to exert its influence in these regions of supposed high levels of gold before other European nations do. However, Peres believes that the native Africans should be treated just like humans and violent actions should not be taken. As a part of the nobility, Peres holds a great deal of influence with people in power in Portugal. Peres is willing to pull whichever strings necessary to indulge himself in his passion for gold.
18. Francisca Melo: Francisca Melo is a government official in charge of economic affairs. Due to the threat of other rising European nations, Melo believes Portugal can seek refuge in African expansion and have an economic boom with newfound trade. Melo recommends acquiring the east and west coasts of Africa, but is concerned about not having enough people in claimed territories representing the Portuguese colonies. Francisco believes that because Portugal doesn't have a very high population to actually occupy African land, it should focus on trade. Melo believes that setting up various ports in popular ship areas can be a very wise decision. If Portugal takes over some critical ports, then Portugal's economy will find another contributing factor for its economic growth. One critical port Melo believes in seizing is Capetown. However, Britain has already exhibited some interest in Capetown. Melo believes for Portugal to be successful it must act quickly and begin establishing critical trading posts and ports to elicit Portuguese influence.
19. Benedita Matos: Benedita Matos is the daughter of maritime expert Cristiano Matos. As a child Benedita Matos learned of tales of exploration and the riches to come from it. Matos advocates expansion and believes that claiming territories in Africa can help benefit Portugal's involvement in global trade. Matos also believes that most of the claims in Africa should be on the coasts. This includes having ports along the entire east and west coasts of Africa to ensure accessibility. Matos hopes to honor her father's longtime studies by going to Africa herself and examining the coastal patterns. Due to her father's old age, Cristiano Matos would never be able to go to Africa. Therefore, Benedita Matos hopes to be involved in the colonization of Africa and return to her father to describe her travels.
20. Juan Vila: Juan Vila is the Second Lieutenant of the Portuguese Navy. Similarly to the other naval officers, Vila believes expansion in Africa is vital to the success of the Portuguese colonies. Vila hopes to take full control of the Congo River and even expand inland before other European nations have the chance to. Vila is not afraid of using force, but will only use this method as a last resort. Juan Vila strongly feels that the native people in Africa should not be harmed, but his loyalties reside with the Portuguese, so he will do whatever is necessary in order

- to ensure Portugal's success. Vila believes that the main European competitor to Portugal is Britain because Britain is seeking to establish settlements in critical ports that Portugal is also after. Therefore, Juan Vila believes in a strategy of sabotage of British naval forces.
21. Fabiana Alcantara: Fabiana Alcantara belongs to the Portuguese nobility. As a young girl, Alcantara became interested in Portuguese expansion due to the Portuguese colonies in Brazil. Her brother had traveled to Brazil and returned telling stories of the great potential Brazil had for success. Her brother highly recommended that Fabiana should travel as well. Alcantara supports expansion in Africa due to the economic benefits she would receive as Portuguese nobility, if the colonies in Africa were successful. Alcantara also hopes to be able to visit the African colonies and have the same great experience as her brother. Being part of the Portuguese nobility, Alcantara has the money and resources to fund expeditions.
  22. Emanuel Mora: Emanuel Mora grew up in a Portuguese family full of merchants. Emanuel grew up in a small town near Lisbon. Mora understands the process of trade exchanges with African settlements. However, Mora feels threatened by other the other nation's interest in African territories since that could disrupt the direct trade with African settlements. Mora believes Portugal should take action immediately and claim as much territory as possible in order to preserve trading functions and gain new land. Mora believes it is Portugal's right to new territory and direct trade. In addition, Emanuel Mora knows he would receive profit from trading with the African colonies, and believes taking that land with force is necessary in order to secure a firm hold on African territory.
  23. Ivan Pimentel: Ivan Pimentel is involved in the shipbuilding business and works on shipyard not far from Lisbon. Pimentel grew up working on ships and is highly experienced in the naval field. Pimentel believes that further expansion in Africa would increase business, since the Navy would take action and would require a larger fleet. Pimentel hopes to supply ships to the Portuguese Navy. Pimentel is confident that if the Portuguese Navy is in desperate need of more ships for colonization, he will be able to supply them with powerful ships that will guarantee success. Pimentel works closely with his business partner and longtime friend, Joaquim Castro, but is aware that Castro may choose to start his own business in Africa if the opportunity presents itself. Although Ivan Pimentel enjoys working with Castro, he is completely supportive of any decision he makes, since they both agree upon the fact that colonizing Africa has the potential to bring great economic benefits.
  24. Joaquim Castro: Joaquim Castro is the partner in Pimentel's shipbuilding business and also advocates Portuguese expansion in Africa. Castro has known Pimentel since their early childhood and has remained best friends with him over the years. However, Castro hopes to be able to start his own shipbuilding business in an established port city in Africa if all goes well. Castro wants to continue to remain close with Pimentel in business, but has always wanted his own business. Joaquim

believes that the opportunities in Africa are too great to let slip away. Castro believes that if Portugal claims enough territory on the coasts, then naval trade could boom, creating the perfect opportunity for Castro to establish a new shipbuilding business in Africa.

25. Debora Lima: Debora Lima comes from a family of Portuguese nobility. Although Lima supports expansion in Africa, the involvement of other nations is a true concern. Lima believes that any new established colonies in Africa could provide Portugal the opportunity to rise once more, but she fears that other European nations may take control first. Lima encourages quick action, but also hopes to strategize on the perfect areas to conquer in order to utilize the most natural resources. Alex Gama has been seeking Debora Lima's hand in marriage, however Lima refuses to give an answer until Portugal succeeds in colonizing Africa. Lima hopes that by doing so, she motivates the Admiral of the Fleet even more to take quick action in seizing control of Africa.