

Background Guide



Avatar: The Last Airbender

Topic A: Reconstruction after the Fire Nation's Campaign

Topic B: Fire Nation Resurrectionists

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Important Committee Note

This Committee will deviate from the original Avatar: The Last Airbender to allow more freedom and eccentric decisions to be made. It will take place one year after the main storyline has concluded. Be sure to carefully read the background guide to fully understand the extent of this change.

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Committee Background

"Avatar: The Last Airbender" is an animated television series that first aired from 2005 to 2008. It was created by Bryan Konietzko and Michael Dante DiMartino and has since become a beloved and influential show. Set in a world where certain individuals can manipulate the elements—water, earth, fire, and air—the story follows the journey of Aang, the last surviving Airbender and the Avatar, a being capable of mastering all four elements. The series takes place in a world divided into four nations, each corresponding to one of the elements. The Fire Nation, led by the tyrannical Fire Lord Ozai, seeks to conquer and dominate the other nations. The Avatar's role is to maintain peace and balance among the nations, but Aang disappeared a century ago, leaving the world vulnerable to the Fire Nation's aggression.

The story begins when Aang, along with his friends Katara and Sokka, discover him trapped in an iceberg. They embark on a quest to help Aang master the other elements and defeat the Fire Nation. Along their journey, they encounter various allies and adversaries, each with their unique abilities and motivations. Aang, being an Airbender, is carefree and fun-loving but also burdened by the responsibility of being the Avatar. He must learn to control the other elements, facing numerous challenges and training under various masters. Aang's journey is not just one of physical mastery but also spiritual growth as he grapples with his past and the weight of his destiny. Throughout the series, Aang and his friends face formidable enemies, including Prince Zuko, the exiled son of the Fire Lord, who initially pursues them but later becomes their reluctant ally. Using his help the group is able to defeat Fire Lord Ozai and his daughter, Zuko's older sister, Azula.

Topic A: Reconstruction after the Fire Nation's Campaign

Background

The war, which lasted for a century, involved the Fire Nation's relentless campaigns to conquer and subjugate the other nations. The Fire Nation's military forces, led by Fire Lord Ozai and his generals, engaged in widespread destruction, including the ransacking and burning of villages, towns, and cities. They aimed to assert their dominance and impose their rule over the other nations.

The Earth Kingdom, Water Tribes, and various Fire Nation colonies suffered significant infrastructural damage, economic devastation, and loss of lives. The war disrupted the lives of countless individuals, leading to displacement, refugee crises, and the loss of cultural heritage. After the defeat of the Fire Nation and the dethroning of Fire Lord Ozai, the need to rebuild becomes crucial in order to restore stability, revive economies, and heal the wounds inflicted by the war. The task of rebuilding falls on the shoulders of the newly formed United Republic of Nations, which seeks to create a harmonious and prosperous world.

Current Situation

It's been one year since the 100 year war, all the nations are now deciding on what to do to rebuild what the Fire Nation had destroyed, approximately 65% of the world had been either destroyed or landscaped to the Fire lord's image. After the defeat of the Fire Nation and the dethroning of Fire Lord Ozai, the need to rebuild becomes crucial in order to restore stability, revive economies, and heal the wounds inflicted by the war. The task of rebuilding falls on the shoulders of the newly formed United Republic of Nations, which seeks to create a harmonious and prosperous world. The Fire Nation is under fire from the other nations for all this damage but they don't want to pay fully for all the damage caused. Many believe that the fire nation has to

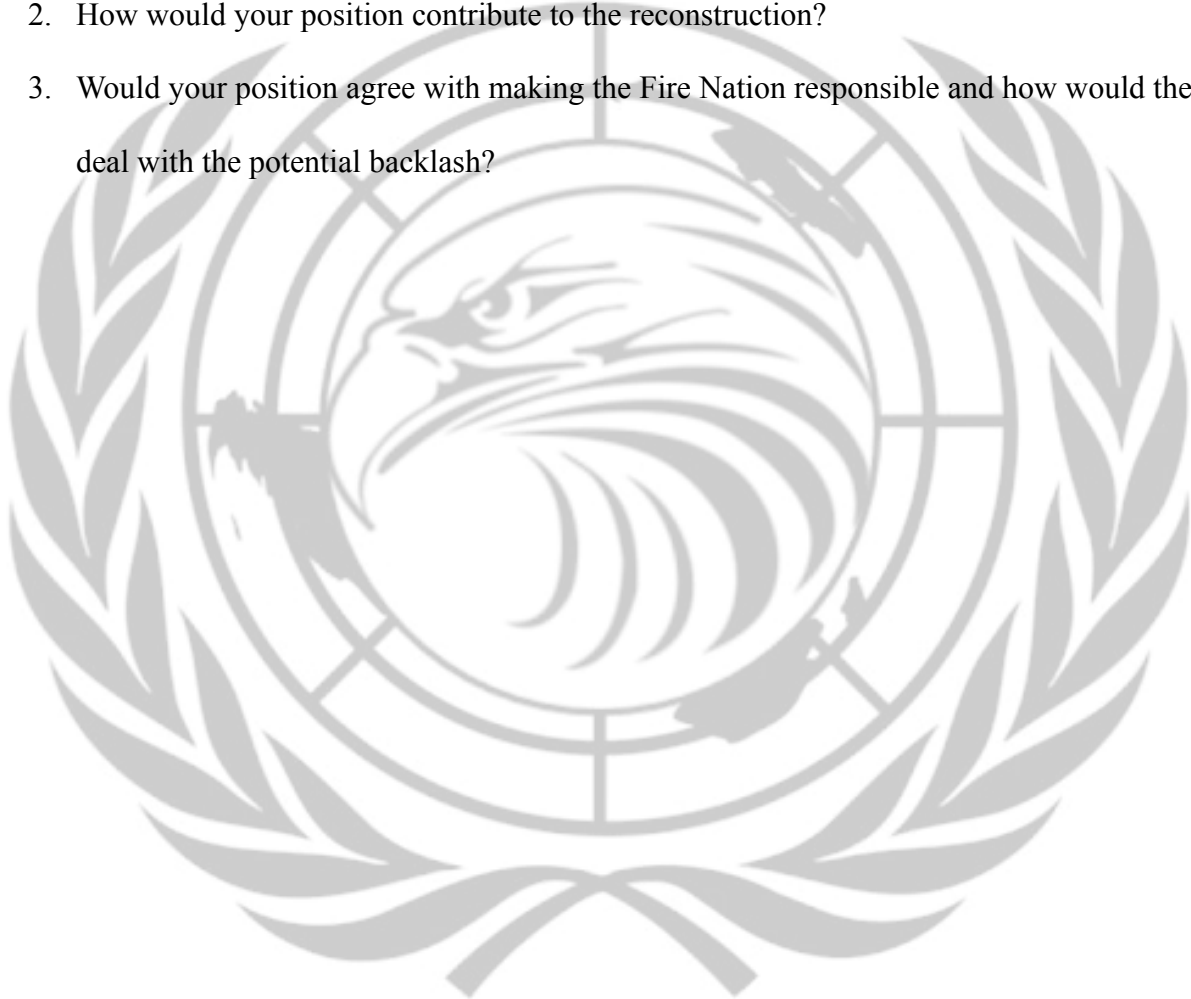
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pay fully for the damage that they had caused. Currently the nations that want to have the Fire Nation be fully responsible for all the destruction is the Earth and Water Nation.

Questions to Consider

1. Where would your position focus their rebuilding efforts?
2. How would your position contribute to the reconstruction?
3. Would your position agree with making the Fire Nation responsible and how would they deal with the potential backlash?



Topic B: Fire Nation Resurrectionists

Background

As seen at the beginning of book 3, Aang's group goes undercover in the fire nation. Aang impersonates a student and from his experience it is obvious that a good amount of Fire Nation Natives believe to be above others. Despite the Fire Nation's defeat and the dethroning of Fire Lord Ozai, there may still be individuals and groups who cling to the ideology of Fire Nation superiority and domination. These Resurrectionists believe in resurrecting the power and glory of the Fire Nation, seeking to revive the nation's oppressive regime and regain control over the other nations.

The war resulted in significant loss of life, displacement, and suffering for many individuals and communities. Some Fire Nation citizens or military personnel who harbor deep resentment and a desire for vengeance may join or form Resurrectionist groups. They may see the defeat as a temporary setback and seek to restore the Fire Nation's power to exact revenge on those they hold responsible for their suffering.

The collapse of the Fire Nation's ruling regime created a power vacuum, leaving room for opportunistic individuals or factions to rise and attempt to seize control. The Resurrectionists may exploit the chaos and instability following the war to gain influence and rally supporters who yearn for a return to the old ways.

Current Situation

Even though the 4 nations are in harmony now, there are still supporters of what the Fire Nation did during the war. The establishment of the United Republic of Nations, aimed at fostering harmony and cooperation among the nations, may not sit well with everyone. Some Fire Nation citizens may feel marginalized or disenchanting with the new order and join

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Resurrectionist movements as a means of opposing what they perceive as an infringement on their rights or a diminishing of their nation's influence. The goal of the Fire Nation Rebellion Squad (FNRS) is to assassinate Fire Lord Zuko and reconquer the rest of the world.

Questions to Consider

1. Would your position sympathize with the resurrectionists?
2. How does the resurrectionists' existence affect your position?

