

Say Cheese: Geronimo Stilton

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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to TechMUN XXXI and Say Cheese: Geronimo Stilton! We are very excited to hear some great debate in the world of Geronimo Stilton as both of us have read and enjoyed the books. For those of you who don't know, Geronimo Stilton is a book series in which Geronimo, the mouse protagonist, goes on adventures around the world with his family and friends. He's relatively shy, but his friends and family push him out of his comfort zone to explore haunted mansions and journey into the depths of the jungle. Every one of you will represent a character from the series or one of its spinoffs (Thea Sisters, Cavemice, etc.) to solve the challenges faced during committee. While all characters are not from the same series', you will use your experiences and powers to solve common issues. The first topic concerns rivalries in reaching the cheese moon, while the second topic addresses an invasion of the cats in New Mouse City.

As your chairs, we want you to creatively use your position powers and be bold with your ideas. Your solutions to updates should reflect your character while offering a new perspective to the conversation. During mods, we are looking for engaging speakers who can inspire and capture the committee's attention. Don't be afraid to mess up one speech, because there are always more opportunities to raise your placard and speak again. In unmods, we are looking for delegates who can lead their peers while remaining diplomatic. Ultimately, we know how it feels like to participate in committee for hours on end, so don't be afraid to make mistakes and try new things. Whether this is your first conference or you are an experienced delegate, we hope to make this TechMUN as fun as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at saycheesetechmun24@gmail.com. See you in committee!

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Introduction to Geronimo Stilton



Mouse Island stands as a charming and enchanting haven for the ten million residents of the Geronimo Stilton series. This delightful isle, where the whimsical adventures unfold, is home to an array of mouse-sized wonders. With its cobbled streets, cozy cafes, and bustling markets, Mouse Island exudes a quaint charm that captures the essence of a lively rodent community. Surrounded by azure waters and lush greenery, Mouse Island serves as the backdrop for the daring escapades of the intrepid mouse journalist, Geronimo Stilton, and his friends. From the iconic offices of The Rodent's

Gazette to the scenic Old Mouse Town, Mouse Island epitomizes a place where friendship, curiosity, and teamwork come together.

The Rodent's Gazette and The Daily Rat are the go-to sources for news and adventures on Mouse Island. The Rodent's Gazette, Geronimo Stilton's stomping ground, is the heartbeat of Mouse Island's media scene. With its quirky headlines, mouse-sized investigative journalism, and a touch of humor, it captures the essence of the island's daily life and breaking news. Geronimo Stilton himself, as the editor-in-chief, leads a team of mouse reporters with pizzazz. On the flip side, The Daily Rat is the rival newspaper, bringing a slightly edgier take on the news. The constant friendly (or not-so-friendly) competition between these two publications adds a layer of excitement to the rodent journalism scene.

Topic A: Space Race to the Cheese Moon: The Rodent's Gazette vs. The Daily Rat

Topic Background:

It's another day in New Mouse City, which means there's another burning story to cover. Recently, a groundbreaking discovery in mouse-stronomy has been made: the discovery of a cheese moon! However, skeptics question the validity of this discovery. Is it really possible that extraterrestrial bodies can be made of the most valuable material known to mice? There's only one way to find out, and that's through photo confirmation. With the possibility of a report that would create immense popularity, both The Rodent's Gazette and The Daily Rat are both chasing this story. Not only would a successful story on the cheese moon confirm one of the greatest scientific breakthroughs of the century and bring credibility to the firm, but it would also settle the cutthroat rivalry between Geronimo Stilton and Sally Ratmousen. Getting to the moon won't be easy, though. Research on the moon has revealed that it is approximately 1 light year or 5,879,000,000,000 miles away, and to date, no expeditions of that length have been made. Moreover, current spaceship technology will take a minimum of 5 years to reach. Therefore, the management of resources and maintenance of the spaceship on such a lengthy trip will prove itself a struggle for the spacemice. The moon is also in an undiscovered region of outer space and unprecedented threats lie in the unknown. The exact dangers are not known, but it is speculated that possible threats include asteroid-dense regions and hostile aliens. However, further research is needed to elucidate them. Currently, both The Rodent's Gazette and The Daily Rat possess a spaceship capable of making the journey to the cheese moon and back, but your ship is not equipped with extra machinery or supplies to prepare you for possible unknowns. Additionally, cameras on the ship will livestream all actions to the Mouse Island Space Center (MISC), capable of keeping 24/7 communications and surveillance back on land. As all of you are faithful

employees of The Rodent's Gazette, your job is to advise Geronimo, the captain of the ship, to make the best decisions to beat The Daily Rat and make the voyage to the cheese moon a swift success.

Relevant Issues:

To reach the Cheese Moon, in this ongoing space race, it raises several significant considerations. Firstly, there's the overarching concern regarding the sustainability of space exploration itself. This entails evaluating the potential environmental impact and ethical implications associated with venturing beyond Mouse Island's atmosphere. Additionally, the competition among nations to claim lunar territory underscores the delicate balance between international cooperation and competition. Furthermore, ethical dilemmas arise regarding the extent of media coverage, including the lengths they'll go to and whether or not it's ethical, prompting discussions about responsible journalism and media ethics. Moreover, the societal consequences of media coverage of lunar exploration, including its influence on public perception and policy decisions, necessitate careful consideration and critical analysis. As humanity sets its sights on celestial bodies beyond Earth, addressing these multifaceted issues becomes paramount to ensure responsible and ethical media practices in reporting on outer space exploration.

Possible Solutions:

When thinking about possible solutions for this topic, it is necessary to consider both sides of the situation. Firstly, they must help the Rodent's Gazette ship make it to the cheese moon as easily as possible. Secondly, they must appropriately deal with the competing ship. Solutions should be innovative while balancing safety, speed, and acknowledging the public image of The Rodent's Gazette as the residents of mouse island (customers of the Gazette) can

see your every action. Furthermore, delegates should think about using their position when creating their solutions. Utilizing your abilities and resources, how will you contribute new ideas to the table? Different groups on The Rodent's Gazette ship will be vying for different solutions, so it is important to look beyond very general solutions to create unique, targeted objectives. In addition, think about how you will combine these abilities with other delegates to create a comprehensive plan. Working with delegates with complementary skills will help address all aspects of the problem.

Questions to Consider:

1. How may you need to modify the preexisting ship to prepare it for space?
2. How will you find more information about the unknown outer space during the journey?
3. What measures will you take to ensure the publicity of The Rodent's Gazette is not affected?
4. How far will you go to stop The Daily Rat's ship reaching the cheese moon first?
5. What ethical guidelines will you have to draw on the ship?

Helpful Links:

<https://www.britannica.com/science/space-exploration>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mission_control_center

<https://www.nasa.gov/headquarters/library/find/bibliographies/american-human-spaceflight-accidents/#:~:text=This%20pathfinder%20covers%20five%20American,Columbia%20in%20February%20of%202003.>

Topic B: Mice Take Over NYC

Topic Background:

As Thea Stilton embarked on an expedition beyond Mouse Island, seeking an extraordinary scoop, her communication abruptly ceased, plunging the Gazette into a perplexing silence. Several weeks elapsed before a junior reporter, originally part of Thea's expedition, urgently arrived at The Rodent's Gazette offices. In a message of urgency, Thea recounted an unexpected twist in her journey. Swift and treacherous currents diverted her from her intended course, depositing her in the blinding metropolis of New York City (NYC). Amidst the bustling streets, she stumbled upon creatures referring to themselves as "Humans." However, her quest for safety turned dire when she sought refuge in a colossal building only to be ensnared by a group of scientists with sinister intentions. From her captive state, Thea issued a plea for assistance, providing detailed directions to NYC, and asking her fellow friends to rescue not only her but also others ensnared by the nefarious designs of these malevolent scientists.

The duration of your journey to New York City remains uncertain, given the unfamiliar terrain awaiting you in this unexplored metropolis. Navigating the labyrinth-like streets in pursuit of Thea poses a formidable challenge, but fear not – the city harbors seasoned inhabitants known as city rats, navigators, and experts of the urban landscape. Yet, rallying their support has its own set of challenges. Your mission is twofold: stand alongside Geronimo in a relentless pursuit to locate Thea amid the bustling chaos of NYC and confront the nefarious group of scientists orchestrating her capture. Unraveling the true nature and hostility of this enigmatic group becomes a crucial aspect of your undertaking.

Relevant Issues:

As the saga of Thea's rescue mission continues, amidst the invasion of rats in New York City, several pressing issues demanding attention. Among these is the challenge of urban wildlife coexistence. The sudden surge of rats into the cityscape requires the immediate attention of committee regarding human-wildlife interactions and the implementation of effective mitigation strategies. Moreover, the ethical considerations surrounding the treatment of animals in scientific research and experimentation are brought to the forefront, making it imperative to address these broader conversations about animal welfare and ethical research practices. Additionally, the alliance between the city rats and the mice protagonists shows the power of collaboration in confronting shared challenges. Ultimately, the ongoing saga of Thea's rescue and the invasion of Geronimo's friends into NYC provides the opportunity to address complex issues surrounding urban wildlife, ethics, community resilience, and innovation in problem-solving.

Possible Solutions:

To rescue Thea from the clutches of the malicious scientists and reveal their ominous plot, a variety of strategies must be considered. First and foremost, establishing a collaborative alliance with the city rats is advantageous. Using their familiarity with the local terrain in negotiating the intricate urban expanse of New York City will prove invaluable. Geronimo and the team should contemplate creating strategic partnerships, employing persuasive diplomacy, and potentially offering their distinct skills in exchange for the city rats' invaluable assistance. Given the considerable size difference between mice and humans, solutions should prioritize creativity and teamwork. The key lies in a strategic blend of local collaboration, intelligent surveillance, and persistent investigation to unveil the full extent of the evil scientists' machinations and execute a daring rescue mission. Delegates are urged to unite, utilizing their strengths to devise inventive and collaborative approaches within this unfamiliar setting.

Questions to Consider:

1. How can committee gather intel on the whereabouts and capabilities of the scientists?
2. What plans can be made to safely rescue Thea Stilton?
3. Who will you befriend and form alliances with?

Helpful Links:

<https://www.peta.org/issues/animals-used-for-experimentation/>

<https://bioone.org/journals/mammal-study/volume-42/issue-1/041.042.0108/Importance-of-Urban-Wildlife-Management-in-the-United-States-and/10.3106/041.042.0108.full>

<https://www.scu.edu/mcae/publications/iie/v1n3/cures.html>



Dossier

1. Trap Stilton
2. William Shortpaws
3. Talia Squeaks
4. Professor Paws Von Volt
5. Petunia Pretty Paws
6. Paulina
7. Creepella von cacklefur
8. Queen Blossom
9. Violet
10. Queen Cackle
11. Buggy Wugsy
12. Professor de Mousus
13. Hercule Poirat
14. Penelope Poisonfur
15. Pamela
16. Colette
17. Nicky
18. Professor Octavius de Mousus
19. Ruby Flashyfur
20. Connie
21. Aunt Sweetfur
22. Alicia
23. Zoe
24. Grayfur
25. Pinky Pick
26. Kumi Nakamura



27. Bruce Hyena
28. Sakura
29. Chaz
30. Gloucester
31. Clarissa Conjurat
32. Bluster Conjurat
33. Chippy P. Crunchrat
34. Grandma Ratrock
35. Hier o glyph
36. Kornelius von Kickpaw
37. Lulu Souffle
38. Maria
39. Shadow

