

## **Introduction to World Politics**

Tuna Wars: Journal  
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During the Tuna Wars Simulation, each student is required to keep an annual journal. This journal (worth 40 points) needs to contain both relevant information about the state of your fleet and your thoughts about strategy. It needs to be completed each simulation year. I will collect all of the journals within a week of when the simulation completes.

### **Necessary Information**

For each simulation year, you need to include the following information in an easy-to-read format: Name; State; Current Year; Current rank; Annual profit from last year; Starting funds for this year (Current cash-on-hand); Total number of ships owned; Total number of ships you will send out this year; Price of fish; Number of fish caught; Total number of ships everyone sent out last year; US\$ value of one of your currency; The change from last year (in US\$); Your current strategy; How well you think your strategy is working; Your new strategy, if you are going to change; and Your reflections on how this simulation applies to the current topic in class.

While you may order this information however you wish, below is one way in which you can order it.

### **Suggestions**

- Keep current on the journal. Waiting until the last moment to complete it will be quite obvious to me.
- Almost all of the information can be found on the Tuna Wars simulation site's "Current Status" page for each year.
- Make sure you use appropriate currency symbols in your journal. If there is a single symbol, like the € or the £, you may use it. If not, you will need to use the appropriate international abbreviation for it (SEK, NOK, BB\$, etc.). Note that quite a few states use the \$ as their currency symbol. In those cases, the correct symbol is their two-letter abbreviation followed by the \$, thus BB\$, CA\$, US\$.
- Type it. Nothing hand written is allowed on it.
- Do not print out this journal. I will give you directions on what to do with it when the simulation completes.

## Sample Journal Entry

*Note:* If you would like, you may download the .doc version of this format at the following URL: <http://oforsber.kvasaheim.com/courses/pls105/docs/twjournalt.doc>

### Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania

United Republic of Tanzania

Ole J. Forsberg, President

Current Year: 2021



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Current Ranking	4th	Fish Price	4.64 US\$
Annual Profit	368 TZS	Fish Caught	977
Starting Funds	10,227 TZS	Total Ships Fishing	194
Ships Owned	14	1 TZS =	5.22 US\$
Ships to Send Out	14	Change	+ 0.02 US\$

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Current Strategy	My current strategy is to acquire as many ships as I can and to send them out. This will ensure that I will catch the most fish and, thus, the most money.
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How it is working	Were it not for the one day I forgot to submit an annual report, the great state of Tanzania would be in first place.
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New Strategy	I need to find some way of hurting the three states above me. Perhaps I can try some underhanded dealings with them. Maybe I will tell them that the professor put a hold on the game to allow us to negotiate a treaty, thus there will be no annual reports tonight!
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Class Application	In class, we have been studying strategy in an anarchical system. Since this simulation is an anarchical system, and since I am creating strategy knowing the consequences of such an anarchical system, I am using class materials to win here.
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