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Final Presentation Groups

**Nuclear Politics Team A** Position: *The United States should adopt policies designed to promote a world without nuclear weapons*
Team Leader: Nathan Reynolds ‘14
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**Nuclear Politics Team B** Position: *The United States should oppose efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons, and should instead seek to establish nuclear primacy over its rivals.*
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**U.S.-China Relations Team A** Position: *China does not pose a threat to United States interests, and the United States should continue to seek peaceful ways to integrate China into the global economy.*
Team Leader: Eugene Shin ‘13
Power Transition Wonk: Robin Gimm ‘14
Economic Relations Wonk: Timothy Brock ‘14
Military Relations Wonk: Matilda Feder ‘13
Regional Relations Wonk: Jessamyn Lockard ‘14
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**U.S.-China Relations Team B** Position: *China represents a threat to United States interests, and the United States should adopt more assertive policies designed to meeting the emerging Chinese threat.*
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Visiting Audience Members:
Daryl Press
Joshua Rovner
Francis Gavin
DJ Timbo Slice
Talking fast, thinking faster—
Most of the time, Paul.
She’s a snap-happy
Multilingual dancing queen
Who likes her ice cream
To Spenny Spen-Spen
Arma virumque cano:1
Benedict Arnold

1 The first line of Vergil’s epic translates literally to “I sing of arms and a man”
The awesome J-Chan: Progenitor of this work, Secret Latinist
No Robert Kagan,
She’ll still takes one for the team
With laughter and “shhhh”s
LINDSEY GRAHAM

S’mores organizer
And hiking extraordinaire
Headed to Oxford
Whether to Gladden
Or to nuclear zero, he’s
Leading from behind
Missile crisis? Please.
That’s less than one school per state!
Ticks pose more problems
Always up to hike,
He’s got the right idea—
Just not the tickets
We look at his life,
Look at his choices, shout “BEN!”
And make different ones
Thanks for the refrain “Sean, it’s an emergency”!— and for the cookies
California girl
Summering in the Berkshires
On double duty
She’s polished and poised
Whether kicking off debates
Or sandals for heels
She can make garlands,
Draw a sickle & hammer...
A jack of all trades?
She’s an aspiring Policy-maker who knows Two Col(o)(u)mbias
Our rhetorician
The world is a scary place.
(For the children’s sake.)
Books are cool...I guess.
We should really do this right:
Team yoga at four!
Pro at iron-ons,
PSCI-math double major
Who’ll call fake shakas
Manipulative?
Maybs. Sweet ridin’, rolltidin’
Just let Jay do Jay
Synchronized dance or
How to eat an elephant
Yeah? Yeah! Scotty knows.
Define “Prof Hoff”: he
Makes smoothies, edits speeches,
And can’t be toppled
The Hero of Saratoga
(Written on the Occasion of the 235th Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America)

By Spencer Flohr

For half a month held General Gates
The slopes of Bemis Heights.
For half a month he stood stone-still,
Awaiting John Burgoyne.
There was one man who had no fear,
One man amongst the band.
Benedict Arnold was his name
And general was his rank.
He smelled the victory in the air;
He felt the victory in the land;
He saw the victory in the sun;
He knew his time was come.
Quoth Arnold to Horatio:
"Give me an army, General Gates,
   And I will have it done.
Give me an army, General Gates,
   And thence the Brits shall run."
But much distraught made Mr. Gates
   This haughty exclamation;
To disaster might he lead them,
   His brave Colonial troops,
Or even worse (It shan’t be spake!)
   He'd steal his acclamation!
So told Arnold Old Granny Gates:
   "I do not think I’ll have it so,
   No, not at all, will I.
I strip you now of your command,
   Now in your tent go lie!"
Aghast, Arnold fumed to himself;
   No soldier dared approach.
Deprived now of his sacred post,
   What glory could be had?
For many days he threw himself
   About his little tent.
For many days, he cursed within
   The name of General Gates.
But then one day the silence broke.
The firing of German guns,
The English musket balls,
Such sounds struck him like arrow tips;
The hair leapt from his flesh;
He felt the blood course through his veins—
He knew what must be done.
More purposeful than e’er before
He walked out from his tent;
His coat to shield him from the lead,
His hat to mark him well,
A shot of rum for courage’s sake—
Then off upon his steed he rode,
His adversary now to meet,
Burgoyne now in his sights.
Nor did Horatio not know
Of mutiny so glorious—
Achilles comes again to war!
Gates sent his men to block the path,
Too slow, Too slow by far.
He rode and shouted to his stern:
“I have no army, General Gates,
But I will have it done.
I have no army, General Gates,
But thence the Brits shall run!”
And soon he spots the fighting troops.
A mighty blow the English struck;
Near rout were the Americans.
But as the great general approached,
His visage dark, his eyes ablaze,
The men gave forth a thunderous cheer!
Twice seven times he swung his sword
About his jet-black locks,
Such was his shining diadem
Not fit for any prince by Birth
But bloody consecration.
He summons to himself the troops
Which hitherto were in retreat,
But now burned hotly with desire
To follow their capt’n to victory,
Or else to the abyss.
“Redoubt, the redoubt men!” he shouts.
The wall are flooded by the tide
Of men and arms and smoke.
The fortress holds against the rush;
Lead balls tear through the charging ranks.
But nothing now can hold them back,
Such men, no longer fearing death!
Then to his left he sees the prize;
   It catches well his gaze,
The German redoubt unprepared,
   In chaos now, soon rout!
He turns his horse and thither rides,
   The bullets whizzing past.
“Come on, now flank them! Flank them lads!”
The onslaught follows Arnold’s words:
The Redcoats flee; Americans
   Rush forth and take the hill.
He rides above, his sword upraised.
   At last, the battle’s won.
The mission and the deeds complete,
   His luck was finally spent.
For at his triumph’s apex there—
   The missile found its mark.
Right through the leg, the very same
Which he had shattered in the North,
Right through his horse’s mighty flank,
   The bullet bore its path.
He tumbled downward with his mount
   And gave a mighty groan.
When asked about his injury:
   “Twere better through the head.”
If only Death had found you there,
   Had found you on that day.
Unblemished would your name have been
To all your virtuous countrymen
   As long as nations last!
But even so, upon that hill,
   Your wounded leg remains.
And walking by, the traveler stops,
   Perplexed at such a sight.
There stands the chiseled boot to prove
   That Arnold had it done.
Summer in Williamstown
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