

One of the lessons of these simulations is that democracy is messy and loud. The Athenian Assembly was large (6000 was usually needed for a quorum), and every Athenian citizen had a right to speak, at least theoretically. Those who wanted to be heard had to capture the Assembly's attention and convey their argument to the listeners without amplification. You can just imagine what it must of sounded like when the Assembly discussed deeply controversial matters of economic distribution and foreign affairs. In order to maintain a bit of decorum, however, we have to lay some ground rules.

1. Every session will begin with a sacrifice and prayer performed by the Herald.
2. The President for that day will preside over subsequent proceedings.
3. All members of the Assembly have a right to speak if they are standing at the podium.
4. The speaker or the President must call on others who wish to pose questions from the audience.
5. Each of you should present at least two speeches to the Assembly during this simulation. To make this work in our class, everyone should refrain from making more than one formal speech per session. If you need to address the Assembly a second time, you should convince an ally to speak in your stead.
6. When someone is speaking at the podium, you should not be speaking with other members of the Assembly. If you wish to discuss matters with your faction, you can pass notes or appeal for a short recess.
7. All legislation must be either submitted to Moodle prior to class or typed in prior to a vote (This can be done at the podium or from a laptop). The delegate proposing legislation is responsible for submitting it promptly and correctly.
8. All written work must be posted on Moodle in Word, rtf, or pdf format by 8am on the morning of the due date. (If you are unsure whether you are able to post in one of these formats, please ask a tech savvy friend or a GTS person for help *before* your work is due).