

History Tribulation:

Introduction:

This is a mandatory overarching tribulation in which delegates will be provided with a historical era and a limitation; each delegation will need to either create a **business plan or an innovation** that overcomes the limitation and is relevant to that era. This idea must be completely original; it can't be derived from any other preexisting era. This is a tribulation and is mandatory for every delegation to attend; there are no eliminations in this tribulation - every delegation participates, and every score contributes to the final leaderboard.

Day 1 – Concept & Initial Submission:

On Day 1, you will receive:

- **A historical era**
- **A limitation** tied to that era

Your first task is to understand the world you have been placed in. Before writing anything, you must think about:

- The social structure of the era
- The level of technology available
- Economic conditions
- Cultural values and daily life
- The limitation you are given
- The geographical structure of the world at that time

Your task for this day is **purely creative**. You are not required to justify your idea, analyse how it fits the era, or outline feasibility or societal impact - that comes on Day 2.

You must **choose your track**:

1. **Innovation Track** – Create an original invention, system, or solution designed for this era
2. **Business Track** – Design a business idea or venture that could operate realistically within this era

Your submission should clearly explain: What your idea is in detail.

You can also include **optional visuals, diagrams, or statistics** to illustrate your concept. These are **not required**, but they can strengthen your submission and earn **bonus points** for clarity and creativity.

At the top of your document, explicitly state whether you are submitting under the **Innovation Track** or the **Business Track**.

Submission Details:

- Word limit: **150–200** words
- Submission via Google Form
- Mandatory for all delegations

Evaluation Focus:

Judges will look for:

- Originality of your idea
- Clarity and coherence of your concept
- How well you can describe and provide a detailed idea
- Bonus: Use of visuals or statistics to enhance understanding

Day 2 — Analytical & Justification Submissions:

On Day 2, delegations will expand on their concept through two analytical documents:

Document 1 - Relevance to the Era (200–250 words)

Delegates must explain:

- why their idea is best suited to the assigned era
- how it aligns with the historical conditions, needs, constraints, and values of that period
- how it remains realistic and feasible within the era's technological and social context

Document 2 - Limitation Response & Societal Impact (200–250 words)

Delegates must explain:

- how their idea overcomes the given limitation or uses it to their advantage
- how the concept leads to meaningful improvement or positive change in that society
- what practical outcomes or benefits it creates for the people of that era

Requirement for Business Model:

If the delegation chooses the business model option, they must submit an additional document (**250–270 words**) outlining the core business framework, including but not limited to:

- Human Resources — labour structure, workforce relevance to era
- Operations — production or service process suited to era constraints
- Marketing / Demand Context — target audience, promotional strategies
- Finance / Sustainability — realistic revenue and budget expectations

Graphs & Sketches (Bonus Marks):

Optional: Delegates may include original visual elements to strengthen their submission:

- Graphs or statistics illustrating trends, or impact (must be original and created for this idea)
- A labelled sketch of the innovation or business process to visually demonstrate functionality and concept clarity

Visuals are not mandatory, but they are highly encouraged as they add meaningful understanding and coherence to the idea.

Evaluation Focus:

Judges will focus on:

- Depth of reasoning
- Historical accuracy
- Logical impact
- Feasibility
- Structure and clarity

Logistics & Requirements:

- You will be provided with your era and limitations
- All submissions are made via Google Form
- You must bring a device suitable for writing
- Devices will not be provided; bring them along
- This tribulation is mandatory
- No eliminations occur at this stage

Preparation & Study Resource Hub:

Category	Possible Resources
Topics to Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to analyse a historical era and its constraints (both tracks) - Innovation under limitations (Innovation Track) - Feasibility and realism in historical settings (both tracks) - Technological capabilities and system design in historical contexts (Innovation Track) - Business operations under historical limitations (Business Track) - Marketing and demand in historical settings (Business Track) - Workforce and resource planning for pre-modern economies (Business Track) - Societal structures and cultural values of the era (both tracks)
Skills to Master	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contextual reasoning and historical analysis (both tracks) - Creative problem-solving under constraints (Innovation Track) - Structured academic writing (both tracks) - Logical argument building and clarity of thought (both tracks) - Translating abstract ideas into coherent proposals (Innovation Track) - Strategic thinking and operational planning (Business Track) - Translating business concepts into feasible historical frameworks (Business Track)
Essential Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovation Under Constraint – Historical feasibility considerations – Applying constraints creatively (both tracks) - Composing Academic Essays (PDF) – Structuring ideas – Structured writing for ideas or business frameworks (both tracks)

