



Celebrating classical Greek and Roman legend!

Vox Populi

or *Voice of the People* is a semester-long strategic social competition in which players *seize the day* and *win hearts* in order to secure the victory.

Challenges

Each week, the teacher will present a special challenge to the class and announce the eligible contestants—two to ten individuals, depending upon the nature of the challenge—who have *seized the day* by earning a high score on the previous week's quiz.

The victor of this challenge has the privilege of naming the first and last contestant to be saved during the Saving Ceremony which follows each weekly contest.

Saving Ceremony

So, the challenge winner saves a fellow contestant from elimination. That person then saves another and so on, until only two contestants remain. The challenge winner then saves a final person. The last person standing each week is ejected from the competition.

Reentry

A former contestant can reenter the game by earning the top score on a subsequent quiz, winning the special challenge, and replacing an active contestant (of their choice) before the Saving Ceremony.

Victory

The competition continues until there are only two contestants left. These try to *win the hearts* of their classmates and triumph in a final, class wide vote.

Prize

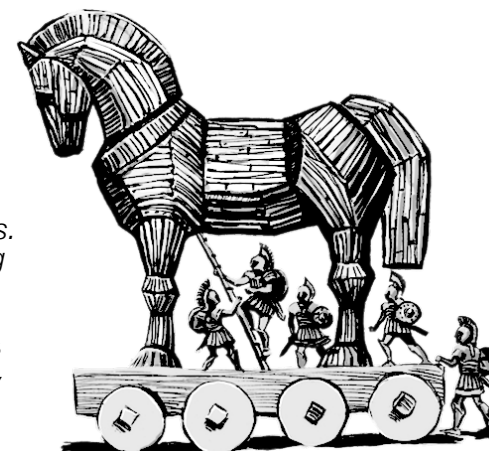
Prizes will be decided by each class and approved by the teacher.

Rules

1. If you wish to participate in the game, sign up as directed by the teacher, before it begins.
2. If you are eligible to participate in a challenge, but refuse, you're automatically out. You may try to reenter at any time before Top Three.
3. If you're absent on game day, another person cannot replace or compete for you—however, if the absence is excused, you cannot be eliminated until after the third such absence.
4. If more than one player must be eliminated, the teacher will so indicate.
5. Once you say aloud the name of the person you wish to save, its official.
6. If you break the rules, you're out until you qualify to reenter.
7. The teacher may adjust or add the rules at any time to guarantee fair play.

*Much have I suffered,
labored long and hard by
now in the waves and wars.
Add this to the total—bring
the trial on!*

—Odysseus from Homer's
The Odyssey



The great Trojan Horse of the Aeneid

Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey* influenced Roman culture by inspiring Virgil's *The Aeneid*, which recast Odysseus's journey as Aeneas's quest to found Rome, embedding themes of duty and destiny in Roman literature. The epic also shaped Roman views of heroism, hospitality, and the role of fate through its moral lessons and mythological framework.