

Command's Wake

Miniatures campaign (scenario book)



Various historical frameworks designed to provide strategic background and narrative depth to your miniature campaigns.

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The following are four possible scenarios.

As can be seen, for example, in the first case, The Pyrrhic Wars, the Roman armies in the year 300 could only fight those powers whose distance from Rome was less than or equal to the sum of Rome's influence with the target power. In this case, they are:

- Cisalpine Gaul: $30+20$ (sum of both influences) > 15
- Etruria
- Samnium
- Magna Graecia
- Lucania-Apulia

But not with the rest. For example, the influence of Syracuse added to that of Rome is $20+30=50 < 60$ (the distance between the two).

As battles are fought, the influence of each power varies. Additionally, at the end of each turn, a fixed amount is subtracted (or added): vitality, which appears on the Vitality Table. This adjustment is applied to the power's Influence before the start of the next turn.

In the year 280, Epirus appears with an initial influence of 30.

As explained in the rules, if a power is left with no (or negative) influence at the end of a turn, it disappears and cannot be used again.



SCENARIO: THE PYRRHIC WARS (300 – 250 BC)

Rome expands its power in Italy against the Etruscans and Samnites before the intervention of Epirus in 280 BC. The conflict involves Carthage and Syracuse in a geographical setting that spans from Cisalpine Gaul to Sicily.

- Historical Period: 300 BC to 250 BC
- Time Scale: 1 Actual Week = 5 Campaign Years.

Table of distances between powers

Power	C.Gaul	Etruria	Rome	Samn.	M.Gree.	Luc-Ap	Syrac.	Epirus	Carth.
Cisalpine Gaul		10	15	20	50	35	70	70	130
Etruria			5	20	50	35	70	70	130
Rome				10	40	15	60	60	120
Samnium					20	5	40	40	100
M. Greece						5	10	10	30
Lucania-Apulia							25	15	85
Syracuse								50	20
Epirus									90
Carthage									

Vitality chart

Power	Start	300	295	290	285	280	275	270	265	260	255	250
Cisalpine Gaul	18						-1					
Etruria	8						-1					
Rome	30						+3					
Samnium	10						-1					
M. Greece	20						-2					
Lucania-Apulia	13						-1					
Syracuse	20						0					
Epirus	-	-			30		-3		-2	-1		
Carthage	60						+1					

SCENARIO: THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRONZE AGE (1250 BC – 1180 BC)

The Hittite and Egyptian empires faced a systemic crisis due to the invasion of the Sea Peoples in a geographical area encompassing the eastern Mediterranean. The Mycenaean collapse and instability in Canaan coincided with a power vacuum exploited by powers such as Assyria and Elam.

- Historical Period: 1250 BC to 1180 BC
- Time Scale: 1 Actual Week = 10 Campaign Years.

Table of distances between powers

Power	Egypt	Hittites	Mycen.	Assyria	Canaan.	T. Israel	Babyl.	Elam.	See P.	Phrygi.	Aram.
Egypt		50	90	75	15	20	110	145	35	60	40
Hittites			45	40	30	45	65	100	35	15	25
Mycenae				100	65	75	145	165	10	40	80
Assyria					40	55	15	45	90	45	20
Canaanites						5	55	90	15	35	15
Tribes of Israel							65	100	30	50	20
Babylon								10	130	75	30
Elamite									155	110	60
See People										20	45
Phrygians											40
Arameans											

Vitality chart

Power	Start	1250	1240	1230	1220	1210	1200	1190	1180
Egypt	60		-1					-2	
Hittites	30				-4				
Mycenae	25				-3				
Assyria	35				+2				
Canaanites	17		-1			-2			
Tribes of Israel	10				+1				
Babylon	25				-1				
Elamite	45			+1			0		
See People	-		-		45		-2		
Phrygians	15			+2			+1		
Arameans	12				+1				

SCENARIO: HELLENISTIC ZENITH AND DECLINE (260 – 200 BC)

The great kingdoms of the Diadochi reached their maturity while facing internal fragmentation and significant threats on their borders. The chronic conflict between the Seleucid and Ptolemaic empires for control of the Levant coincided with the collapse of the Mauryan Empire in India, allowing the rise of emerging powers such as Parthia, Pergamon, and the Greco-Bactrian Kingdom. In Greece and Anatolia, the Achaean and Aetolian Leagues, together with various smaller kingdoms, challenged the hegemony of Macedonia. The geographical setting stretched from the Balkans to beyond the Indus Valley.

- Historical Period: 260 BC to 200 BC
- Time Scale: 1 Actual Week = 5 Campaign Years.

Table of distances between powers

Power	Sele.	Ptol.	Mac.	Maur.	Bactr.	Part	Perg.	Pont.	Bith.	Capp.	Gal.	Ach.L	Aet.L	Spart.	Epir.	Illyria
Seleucid		20	70	40	50	35	30	25	30	20	25	85	80	90	80	85
Ptolemaic			55	145	155	120	30	50	40	35	50	60	65	60	70	85
Macedonia				215	205	180	30	35	25	40	25	20	10	25	10	20
Maurya					20	30	130	110	120	95	115	230	220	240	205	225
Bactria						10	120	100	115	90	110	215	210	230	190	235
Parthia						95	70	85	60	80	190	185	205	170	210	
Pergamon							10	5	20	10	30	25	35	40	50	
Pontus								10	5	10	50	40	55	55	60	
Bitynia									20	5	35	30	40	35	40	
Cappadocia										10	55	50	60	60	65	
Galacia											35	30	40	40	50	
L. Achaea												5	5	20	30	
L. Aetolia													10	5	20	
Sparta														25	35	
Epirus															10	
Illyria																

Vitality chart

Power	Start	260	255	250	245	240	235	230	225	220	215	210	205	200
Seleucid	60			-2					-3				+1	
Ptolemaic	60			+1					-1				-2	
Macedonia	45			+1					0				-1	
Maurya	60			+2								-5		
Bactria	30					+1						0		
Parthia	20					+2						+3		
Pergamon	20			+1							+2			
Pontus	20			0				+1				+2		
Bitynia	15			+1							0			
Cappadocia	15						0							
Galacia	25						-1							
Achaean L.	16				+1							0		
Aetolian L.	18			+1							0			
Sparta	13			0				-1				-2		
Epirus	30			-2				-3				0		
Illyria	20			0				1				-2		



SCENARIO: THE DECLINE OF THE BALKANS (1450 AD – 1460 AD)

The Ottoman Empire besieges the last remnants of Byzantium and pressures Serbia and Hungary in their advance into Europe. Within this geographical context, powers such as Venice and Moldavia struggle to resist.

- Historical Period: 1450 AD to 1460 AD
- Time Scale: 1 Actual Week = 2 Campaign Years.

Table of distances between powers

Power	Byzant.	Serbia	Venice	Ottom.	Hung.	Pol-Lit.	Tartars	Mold-Val	Albania
Byzantium		30	40	20	50	90	60	45	35
Serbia			25	20	10	60	70	35	10
Venice				20	30	100	110	80	20
Ottoman					25	70	40	20	15
Hungary						35	60	20	25
Polish-Lithuanian U.							20	25	75
Tartars								15	85
Moldavia-Wallachia									50
Albania									

Vitality chart

Power	Start	1450	1452	1454	1456	1458	1460
Byzantium	9			-3			
Serbia	20			-3			
Venice	40			0			
Ottoman	60			+4			
Hungary	50			+2			
Polish-Lithuanian U.	50			+1			
Tartars	15			0			
Moldavia-Wallachia	25			-1			
Albania	15			-1			