



Stepping away from the student population, the teachers of Trope High are just as essential. The Science Teacher, the English Teacher, the Social Studies Teacher and the Gym Coach... each teaches one of the essential subjects for seniors at Trope High, and each also is heavily invested in at least one of the school clubs.

They'll be spending part of the turn overseeing lessons and clubs and enforcing discipline (or their strange version of discipline, at least), but who knows what goes on behind the staff room door...

IDEAL FOR: experienced megagame players who are willing to handle a couple of the mechanics in return for being on the other end of the power differential.

DON'T CHOOSE IF: it's your first time or you don't like being in charge.

Sportball is the most popular sport at Trope High. Known as the Trope Tigers, the Sportball Team competes for the state Sportball Cup in games throughout the year. These keen athletes are popular, but often let their studies slide in favour of pursuing the real prize.

The Sportball team is chosen by the Gym Coach, so having some good social skills is important. But the games will be represented by nail-biting rounds of Coin Football (with a few tweaks).

IDEAL FOR: people who have decent spacial awareness, people who want to be towards the top of the school popularity rankings.

DON'T CHOOSE THIS CLIQUE IF: you're more likely to flick yourself in the face than flick a coin across a table.

Is it really a true American high school without them? The Trope Cheer Squad are the epitome of school spirit. Alongside cheering on the Sportballers every game, they also represent Trope High at the National Cheerleading Championships. Many also do well academically, on top of cultivating their popularity enough to frequently get voted Homecoming or Prom royalty.

Cheerleading is, naturally, a popularity contest, and the position of Head Cheerleader is chosen by a secret ballot (with a megagame twist). And that cut-throat attitude continues onto the sports field, as Cheerleaders practice their routines by playing face-down cards, with a definite potential for backstabbing. Bring it on.

IDEAL FOR: anyone who has ever wanted to be a cheerleader, with all the competitiveness it entails.

DON'T CHOOSE THIS CLIQUE IF: you want a more harmonious day, or you don't want to worry about having a high in-game popularity.

Drama at Trope is cut-throat. For the past few years many of the top performers have ended up at the prestigious Cositt School of the Arts in NYC, and competition for the lead roles in the Winter Play and End of Year Musical is always fierce. Unlike at some other schools, drama skews towards the top of the popularity chart.

Roles are cast by the English teacher, and Drama members will need to spend a lot of effort on the clique if they want to be successful. Practices will take the format of speed-Charades, while the performances will be dramatic Tableaus.

IDEAL FOR: people with a flair for the dramatic and a skill for social climbing.

DON'T CHOOSE THIS CLIQUE IF: you want a relaxing day or you really suck at Charades.



TROPE HEADS



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You can't achieve a real harmony if you're out for yourself, and the School Band know this only too well. The most cooperative of the cliques, Band members may want the solo - but they don't want to detonate their friendships by being too selfish! They're several strata of popular below the drama club, which causes tensions when it comes to the school musical.

Band players must decide between themselves who gets a solo each turn, and who is front of stage during the Winter Concert and End of Term Musical. And to complete performances, they'll have to work together to play a hidden card game, where one card out of place could throw the entire piece into discord!

IDEAL FOR: players looking for a less fractious clique team, who are happy to be on the less-cool end of the scale.

DON'T CHOOSE IF: you prefer marching to the beat of your own drum.

At the *ahem* other end of the popularity scale, the AD team compete in the national Academic Decathlon competition. While many in this Clique are high performers in lessons and will be focusing much of their energy on getting into a good college, being on a winning AD team can really add to a good college application as well as providing you with a productive way to spend your social time.

Academic Decathlon practices take the form of answering trivia cards (though don't worry, there are in-game abilities if you don't know the answer). The Science teacher then picks the team based on their performance in practices. Finals will rely on their memory skills.

IDEAL FOR: Trivia whizzes or anyone who wants an academically focused game.

DON'T CHOOSE THIS CLIQUE IF: memory isn't your strength, and you want to play someone popular.

The School Radio is so much more than a radio station. While they do get airtime every turn, they also moderate the Grapevine (the school's website and forums, represented by a noticeboard) as well as producing the Yearbook which is distributed after the school year ends (post-game).

These kids walk a careful line, between telling the truth and not pissing off the popular kids, and between having a scoop every week and also holding back some juicy gossip for the Yearbook.

IDEAL FOR: people who enjoy digging out stories and want a busy day.

DON'T CHOOSE THIS CLIQUE IF: you're not into public speaking or you want to spread untrue gossip.

Okay, it's not really a clique - it's all the people who don't have a clique for one reason or another.

The Peripherals can't seem to form a proper connection with any one group of people. They flit from clique to clique, never really fitting in.

The Rejects have been shunned by the other kids and want to win their way back in - or get revenge!

And the Freaks... the less said about them, the better. Complete pariahs, just talking to one will sap your Cred in no time. But they have an uncanny ability to get their hands on just about anything...

IDEAL FOR: anyone who wants more of a solo game, who hasn't found a fit they like within the rest of the cliques.

DON'T CHOOSE THIS CLIQUE IF: you want to be on a team with your friends.