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CRISIS COMMITTEE APPLICATION QUESTIONS 2014

Mao's Yan'An Red Base

1. What interests you about China?
2. What interests you about Communism?
3. Explain your experience doing role-play, in Model UN or any other activity (including acting, etc.).
4. Do you have a particular interest in a certain time period, type of government, etc.? If so, why?

1. Currently, I am enrolled in World History AP. So far, throughout this class, we have studied China from its roots along the Yellow river, through the Tang and Song dynasties. I have been extremely intrigued in China's political innovation and military dominance throughout history.

2. I believe that Communism is one of the most interesting socioeconomic systems that has ever been put in place. From its foundations in Carl Marx's "The Communist Manifesto", to its modern uses in China and Russia. I believe that what makes Communism interesting is its ability to be presented in many different forms and variations.

3. The majority of my experience in role-play has been in Model UN. I have participated in the University of Pittsburgh conference, the Duquesne University conference and Riverview High School Conference. I also participated in an Israeli Knesset simulation over the summer, and a League of Nations Simulation.

4. To me, the most interesting time period is the World War I Era. I believe that this period is the most interesting, mainly because this first occasion, during which, dozens of countries formed physical alliances and battled against each other. In addition, the solution to this conflict, formed the base for many of the issues that led to World War II. I also believe that one of the most interesting forms of government is the Feudal system in Postclassical Europe. The lack of a solid centralized government and series of relationships created through alliances shows a completely different style of government than shown in any other Era.