

1. Currently, as a junior in high school, this will be my third year participating in Model UN. In the past, I have been on both crisis committees and General Assembly committees while attending PMUNC. Specifically one crisis committee I enjoyed was Descent into War: Russia September 1999 because as my first crisis committee, I was able to learn a lot from the experience. In addition, I also have experience with helping my fellow Model UN members preparing for their committees as well.
2. The next major global conflict as time goes on will probably be about natural resources. Land, oil, coal, etcetera are resources every country needs, and not every single country is completely self-sufficient. Consequently, as time passes, countries will find themselves with a natural resource problem that will then lead to fighting with other countries who also have resource issues.
3. My favorite utopian future would have to be a future in which through thorough communication and mutual understanding, peace between countries could exist. In addition, peace could also be established once complete respect for religion (or lack of), morals, sexuality, political views and more is instituted. By having respect, understanding and good communication, positive relationships can start to form between countries and any conflict can be resolved using words, not war. I enjoy this type of utopia because personally, I find that even if I do not agree with someone and their views, through respect, kindness and communication a mutually beneficial agreement can be reached. Ultimately however, I find any utopia impossible to actually occur in reality, simply because there always has to be a balance in life of peace and war, greed and selflessness, etc. In addition, it is not in the human nature to be entirely peaceful, especially since society currently reflects the view that while humans can be kind and peaceful, some of them are also inclined to more unpleasant acts. Consequently, contemplating the institution of utopias or dystopias in reality proves to be fascinating for me.
4. My favorite dystopian future is one in which greed overtakes human rationality and it causes countries to go to war with one another until there is only one totalitarian government. It is a future similar to that portrayed in George Orwell's *1984* and this future fascinates me because through such strict conditions and regulations on life, one is able to really see the inner workings of the human mind and how and why humans react to such a government.
5. While both are ends, it is easier to imagine the end of capitalism than the end of the world because there are so many possibilities of how the world could end that it is impossible to imagine just one likely scenario. The end of capitalism is easier to picture because no one can change human nature, and humans have a tendency to be greedy and power hungry. With the idea of revolution and freedom on people's minds, a government might find that taking control of the economy is an easier way to restore order to their country. In addition, as governments change leaders (going from president to president, etc.) those new leaders might find the end of capitalism a way to end the divide of wealthy versus poor citizens. Lastly, there are countries that exist today in which capitalism is not present, so what is to say that other countries cannot follow suit and end capitalism?

6. In 2050, as a sixty-six year old woman, I want myself to have grown mentally as well as philosophically, while also retaining who I am as a person, regardless of what is going on in the world. Also, I find knowledge to be the most powerful thing a human being could have and so in 2050 I hope I would be able to pass on my knowledge to future generations so that they could learn from the mistakes of the past in order to create a brighter (but not necessarily a perfect) future.