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1. What interests you about China?

The complex and elaborate intricacies between nations that come together to form the global socioeconomic system we have today has always been a personal fascination of mine. China in particular, both as a nation and as a culture, is often the focus of my intense curiosity and inquisitiveness. From the very beginning of history, China has played an integral role in the growth of mankind and continues to have an important say in global events today. From the Silk Road of the second century B.C, which was essential in allowing a series of economic and cultural interactions between the East and West, to China's stunningly rapid economic growth shifting from a centrally-planned Communist economy to a market-based Capitalist system. Overall, China's swift expansion, both economically and politically, from a relatively obscure communist country to an up-and-coming, developing nation is what keeps me interested in China and its affairs.

2. What interests you about Communism?

Communism is possibly one of the most intriguing and fascinating concepts of political governance, relying upon the common ownership of the means of production and characterized by the absence of social classes, money, and the state. On theory, this system of "economic equality for everyone" seems perfect, removing the slimy tentacles of vice and corruption that have slithered deep into the heart of the capitalism, yet in practice, this system of then leads to authoritative, and absolute regimes that leave little freedom for the people. Communism has always intrigued me as the very archenemy, the antithesis of capitalism. Often in America, it is painted in an evil light, a viewpoint that is remnant of the Cold War. However, on paper the ideals of communism can be seen as well-intentioned, yet in practice they often end up being ill-conceived. My interest in Communism stems from the way a well-meant ideology is twisted by human greed and error into becoming a far more destructive and malevolent.

3. Explain your experience doing role-play, in Model UN or any other activity (including acting, etc.).

During my Model UN Conferences I have participated in many crisis councils and I have become quite familiar with their proceedings and the manner in which they are performed. Of all the different activities to do at the Conferences, the crisis committees are, by far, the

best. I vividly remember participating in last year's Princeton MUN Conference as a member of the North Korean Cabinet crisis committee. Halfway through the meeting two men with nerf guns burst into the conference room and dragged my character away to get "assassinated" only for me to return as another character. The fun I have while roleplaying as my character during the conferences are second to none and I love using my power as a member of an important committee to help get something done, especially when done in conjunction with the other committee members.

4. Do you have a particular interest in a certain time period, type of government, etc.? If so, why?

Some of my favorite time periods are the Classical Times, particularly spanning from the early Roman Republic to the late Roman Empire. The Roman Empire has always been an interest of mine, I consider it the "ancient America", with vast influence and power (both military and political) across the known world. Roman culture in and of itself is fascinating, the way they crowded around gladiator arenas the same way we gather around football games, etc. the Modern 20-21st Centuries, specifically the rise of America as a major superpower in the world. China's growth as a nation, with its decline during the 19th Century and eventual rebirth at the dawn of the 21st century are also notable interests of mine.