1. I have been a member of Model UN for the past two years. I have attended the NAIMUN 2013 conference in Washington DC and was part of the African Union Specialized Committee.
2. I find the Ukraine crisis interesting because the issue is not simply black or white. Both sides – Russia and Ukraine – are justifiable is certain ways. This means that delegates must think of a compromise that can appease both sides. Additionally, I find it interesting that a conflict between two nations so rapidly evolved into an international issue, requiring many more nations to contribute to a possible solution.
3. Some of the major factors affecting Ukraine’s relationship with the West are its desire to reform its national economy and join the European Union. Some of the major factors affecting Ukraine’s relationship with Russia are the dispute over Crimea and the fact that while Western Ukrainians want to build closer ties with the West, Eastern Ukrainians want to maintain close relations with Russia.
4. The annexation of Crimea is crime. While Crimea may have been under Russian possession decades ago, today it is legally part of Ukraine. Therefore, according to today’s laws it is illegal for one nation to come in and declare part of another nation its own. While the people of Crimea might be closer to Russia culturally and linguistically, the fate of Crimea must be decided by the nation it belongs to: Ukraine.