1. This is my third year participating in Model UN. My first year I was in the general assembly and last year I participated in the joint crisis committee which was between the IRA and the Cabinet of the British Prime Minister.
2. The whole Ukrainian crisis is interesting to me because I hear various opinions about what the zeitgeist of whether or not the Ukrainians/Cremains want to be free from Russia. On one side of this debacle, a country that was unlawfully invaded was coming exceedingly close to regaining its freedom suddenly lost it “legal” chance under “suspicious circumstances. I am also interested to see if it is possible for the matter to be resolved without anymore escalated violence.
3. I believe that the biggest factor that influences Ukraine’s relationship with Russia and the West is the fact that it contains oil. I believe that without this natural resource, Russia would probably not care as much about Ukraine breaking away from Russia. The Western world too wants to be able to get some ownership over the oil deposits in Ukraine, and in turn the West is able to cut off an economic rival from their oil reserves. Of course, there are some Western nations that believe Ukraine should have its rightful independence back from Russia.
4. I believe that the annexation of Crimea is a crime and it is also justifiable, depending on whose perspective you witness. To the Ukrainians, the annexation is a crime because they believed that the voting was rigged and unfair; but from the Russians side, they believe that they gave the Crimean’s a choice, and they chose to be apart of Russia. I personally believe that the annexation was a crime because Russia has performed some suspicious activities throughout the course of this dilemma, so I cannot personally believe that the voting process was not tampered with or rigged in any way.