Mao’s Yan’An Red Base

1. What interests you about China?

I am interested in China primarily because I know so little about it. I know the Chinese lived under several dynasties for around 2,000 years then through a series of rebellions and a civil war became the People’s Republic of China. I am interested in the ideas on which modern China was founded upon and how they were implemented on the Chinese.

1. What interests you about Communism?

Communism is fascinating to me because in America it has been depicted as pure evil but in many areas of the world it seems to be working pretty well. Many argue that the principles of communism do not survive when put into practice but I believe the same can be said about democracy or capitalism. I hope to gain a better understanding of why some nations choose communism over other types of government.

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

As a junior, this will be my third year of Model UN. Over the last two years I have participated in over fifteen conferences including PMUNC 2013 where I played the role of Chlodwig zu Hohenlohe Schillingsfurst in the Unification of Germany room and JHUMUNC 2013 where I was Germany in DISEC where I won third place. I have also won individual and delegation awards at University of Pittsburgh MUN and Westminster MUN.

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

One part of history that especially captivates me is Ancient Egypt. It seems that almost anything can be traced back to the ancient Egyptians as so many advancements originate from them. I would argue that no civilization could have even rivaled the Egyptians in terms of technology and knowledge until the Romans.