Mao's Yan'An Red Base

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1. What interests you about China?

China is very interesting for me to learn about, especially China under the influence of communism. The history of Communism in China began in 1921 with the creation of the Communist Party of China, and continues today, which amazes me. How could one country survive off of a form of government for such a long time when the ideologies seem to be so radical?

1. What interests you about Communism?

Communism is confusing yet very interesting subject to me, especially the aspects of change in society and culture that a communist regime would potentially alter or control (media, trade, communication, ect.). It is such a radical way of thinking compared to what we as Americans call the norm, and is completely different in nature. It is also interesting to see Communism take shape in a country, watching it grow and develop over time (For example, the formation of the Communist Party of China in 1921, to the complete takeover of China with the Communist Party in 1947). It is fascinating to see how Chinese Communism continues to evolve from Marxism, and how socialized a country develops a Communist influence.

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

I had a great time role playing Jalal Khanj, Mayor of Aleppo in Syria, in last year's Princeton conference, so I look forward to role play again. To date, that is my only role-playing opportunity, and I would really enjoy having another chance of role playing again at Princeton based on my previous experiences. I have also participated in 15 other Model UN conferences, including another 4 day conference at Johns Hopkins, and have won an honorable delegation award at the Westminster Model UN conference.

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

The time period of Communism in China (which I referred to before) is like I said, very interesting to me. With that being said, I don't know that much about the subject itself, with historical events and leaders that were involved in particular. I really hope then that I can learn about this time period of Chinese history with this conference.