2050 National Security Council

1. I have been a member of Model UN since the beginning of my freshman year. I have attended a wide variety of high school and collegiate conferences, and I have served on the dais of our own conference every year as well. I am now involved in training the new members of our Model UN team.

2. I think the next major global conflict will be cause by dwindling natural resources, especially clean water. Much like the oil crisis, clean water and to a certain extent even agriculture will continue to be less and less accessible. This will lead to conflict as each nation attempts to furnish itself with necessary sustenance.

3. I don’t have a favorite utopian future, because no potential utopia is feasible in the slightest. Striving to attain that is naive and will lead to failure. A realistic perspective with realistic goals is a much more effective outlook.

4. My favorite dystopian future is that of *The Giver,* by Lois Lowry. The loss of beauty, individuality, emotion and uniqueness serves as a warning of what could become of society if we become too focused on pure function and efficiency.

5. It is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of the capitalism. In the past, other systems have been implemented, and their lack of success shows that capitalism is the only modern way to run a first world nation. Though there are other social structures, I cannot picture a viable transition to any of them. I would imagine the end of the world to be a result of some large-scale disaster that upsets order internationally and leads to mass chaos and discord.