Ukraine in Turmoil

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. The Ukrainian crisis is particularly fascinating because is seemed to arise all of a sudden. The division of opinion among the Ukrainians also adds an interesting dynamic to the issue, and adds difficulty to any potential solutions the Ukrainians might come up with.

3. Ukraine’s relationship with the west is mostly overshadowed by their deep rooted ties to the soviet union and Russia, which set it apart from other traditional western nations, both ideologically and in terms of experience and stability. Ukraine simultaneously wants to break free of its past confines, and that adds strain to its relationship with Russia, even before recent events.

4. The annexation of Crimea is definitely a crime. To invade another nation and take over a section of it, even if the inhabitants are agreeable, is not permissible without the permission of the government. Otherwise it becomes war mongering.