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Ukraine in Turmoil

 1. I have never done model UN

2. The many different ideas and factions taking action in Ukraine interest me the most about the crisis. It is interesting to see the people of the western section of the nation call for freedom while seeing the eastern part of the nation a have a different ideology. I also think it is interesting that what started off as a civil war has turned into a full on international crisis that seems to sort of mimic the old style Cold War confrontations.

3. The major factor that influences Ukraine's relationship with the west is the fact that the citizens in the western section near Kiev want a corrupt free government without Russian ties to rule. This citizens also want to be a part of the European Union and the economic opportunities they bring. What influences Ukraine's relationship with Russia is the eastern citizens' cultural and political ties with Russia going back to the times of the Soviet Union. Many eastern Ukrainians feel that they are historically part of Russia.

4. The annexation of Crimea is an international crime. The United Nations have written laws that prohibit the invasion and annexation against sovereign states. Russia claims to have historical claim to Crimea since they were the rulers of Crimea until the Soviet Union dissolved. International law does not recognize that though. Crimea is still a region of the sovereign state of Ukraine.