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**Rationale:** This year's Camden Conference— *Is This China's Century?*— is predicated upon competing social, political, environmental, and economic interests and aspirations in a rapidly globalizing world. The title further suggests that a changing of the global paradigm is already underway-- that the West may be ceding its primacy to the East. Thus, the successful interplay and interchange of Western and Eastern ideas and products will determine whether the next century will belong to 1) the Chinese ideal, 2) the Western ideal, or 3) to no one at all, as previous Camden Conference speakers have suggested. It is in light of this interplay, foreign policy will have to reflect each of these three possibilities...

1. Select one of the following domains of interest to you:

a) Global Poverty

(i.e.-- How it is defined, How it might be eradicated, Who/What is responsible to improve it)

b) Modern Media and the Internet

(i.e.-- Regulation and Arbitration, Freedom of Expression, Digital Citizenship)

c) Resource Extraction and Resource Economics

(i.e.-- Environmentalism, Water Rights, Environmental Degradation, Mass Migration)

d) The Cultivation of Human Capital

(i.e.-- Educational Rights, Women's Rights, Minority Rights, Basic Human Rights)

e) The Development of Artificial Intelligence/Intelligence Augmentation

(i.e.-- Automation of Labor, Right to Privacy, Bots, Technological Solutions vs. Compensations)

f) Nuclear Energy and Weapons Development

(i.e.-- Proliferation, Denuclearization, Ethics, Mutually Assured Destruction)

g) Westernization vs. Sinicization

(i.e.-- Social/Military Imperialism, Economic Hegemony, Social Primacy, Cultural Diffusion)

2. Select a specific foreign policy issue associated with your area of interest at either the local, national, international, or supranational level via past and current treaties, laws, initiatives, sanctions, or other binding/non-binding agreements.

3. Research, analyze, and identify the reasons behind the documents and how they relates to China's current position as a political, social, economic, and military power.

4. Assert a series of legal, social, and/or political steps to remedy or improve the situation through existing frameworks such as international courts, supranational entities, peacekeeping troops, diplomatic summits, et cetera.

Due June 1, 2019.

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- Submissions must have put names and schools on a removable back page. This includes full student name and school. Page headers must not include personal names.
- Suggested length 2-4 pages. APA, MLA, or Chicago/Turabian citation style is acceptable.
- To be eligible you must include your permission to publish the paper on the Camden Conference website. This may also be on the back page. Winning papers will be presented on the Camden Conference website. In order to contact contest winners, students must provide a physical address where they can be reached during June and July.
- Eligibility: any high school student who attends the 2019 Camden Conference.