

MPHMUN Summer Assignment 2018

Grades 10-12

10-12 Grade MPH MUN students are expected to read any *TWO* books on the list below. All of these books can be procured at the public library. You **DO NOT** need to purchase these titles. Be prepared to discuss the books in class on the first day of school. Here are some of the questions you will be expected to address:

- What is the main thesis of the book? How does the author(s) define the problem? What evidence do they cite to support their claims?
- As best you can determine, what is the author's perspective? How does the author's perspective impact the argument they are trying to make, if it does at all?
- Who does the author think you are (the reader)? What assumptions do they make about the person reading the book?
- How does the book relate to issues involving the United Nations? What role, if any, is the UN playing currently to address the issues in the book? What specific UN bodies are involved in the issue?
- What ideas or scenes in the book, if any, resonated in your being? Why do you think this was the case?

1. *The Retreat of Western Liberalism* by Edward Luce (2017)*
2. *Easternization: Asia's Rise and America's Decline From Obama to Trump and Beyond* by Gideon Rachman (2017)
3. *The Third Revolution: Xi Jinping and the New Chinese State*. By Elizabeth C. Economy (2018)
4. *Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses, and Citizens Can Save the Planet*. By Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope. (2018)
5. *Without You, There Is No Us: Undercover Among the Sons of North Korea's Elite* by Suki Kim 2015
6. *Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations* by Thomas Friedman (2016).
7. *The Unfinished Revolution: Voices from the Global Fight for Women's Rights* Paperback – by Minky Worden (2012)
8. *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo (2012)
9. *Exit West*. by Mohsin Hamid (2017) ISBN-10: 0735212201; ISBN-13: 978-0735212206
10. *The Way of the Strangers: Encounters with the Islamic State*- By Graeme Wood (2016)

***All seniors are mandated to read this book. We will meet in late August to have an in-depth discussion about the implications asserted in this book.**