

MPHMUN Summer Assignment 2020

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?
 - How can you connect what you read to today's events?
1. *Culture and Order in World Politics (LSE International Studies) Paperback* – by Andrew Phillips and Christian Reus-Smit ****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.**
 2. *Transforming Multilateral Diplomacy: The Inside Story of the Sustainable Development Goals.* 1st Edition by Macharia Kamau, Pamela Chasek, David O'Connor.
 3. *Epidemic: Ebola and the Global Scramble to Prevent the Next Killer Outbreak.* By Reid Wilson
 4. *How Democracies Die.* By Steven Levitsky , Daniel Ziblatt (2019)
 5. *The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption* by Dahr Jamail
 6. *Without You, There Is No Us: Undercover Among the Sons of North Korea's Elite* by Suki Kim 2015
 7. *A Moonless, Starless Sky: Ordinary Women and Men Fighting Extremism in Africa* by Alexis Okeowo (2018)
 8. *The Unfinished Revolution: Voices from the Global Fight for Women's Rights Paperback* – by Minky Worden (2012)
 9. *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo (2012)
 10. *China, the FBI, and Industrial Espionage* by Mara Hvistendahl
 11. *From Cold War to Hot Peace: An American Ambassador in Putin's Russia.* By Michael McFaul (2019)
 12. *Humankind: A Hopeful History Hardcover.* By Rutger Bregman