

## MPHMUN Summer Assignment 2021

Grades 10-12

**Students 10-11** are expected to read any **ONE** book on the list below. Students **MUST ALSO** follow a specific country's news and analysis. The country of their choice cannot be the USA. **Be prepared to present your country to the class.** You will be expected to know several current events and your country's basic government policies.

**Seniors** will read two books, one from the list below and one required reading posted below.

### For the book reading:

All of these books should be available 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 that can help you think about discussion points for the book.

- 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 International Affairs? What role, if any, is the UN playing currently to address the issues in the book?
- 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. *A Moonless, Starless Sky: Ordinary Women and Men Fighting Extremism in Africa* by Alexis Okeowo (2018)
2. *The Unfinished Revolution: Voices from the Global Fight for Women's Rights* Paperback – by Minky Worden (2012)
3. *The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption* by Dahr Jamail.
4. *From Cold War to Hot Peace: An American Ambassador in Putin's Russia.* By Michael McFaul (2019)
5. *Worldmaking After Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination* By Adom Getachew
6. *The Narrow Corridor: States, Societies, and the Fate of Liberty* By Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson
7. *Our Bodies, Their Battlefields: War Through the Lives of Women* By Christina Lamb
8. *Having and Being Had*, Eula Biss
9. *The Undocumented Americans*, Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
10. *Food Fix: How to Save Our Health, Our Economy, Our Communities, and Our Planet—One Bite at a Time* by Dr. Mark Hyman
11. *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai
12. *Against the Loveless World* by Susan Abulhawa
13. *Mafalda: A Social and Political History of Latin America's Global Comic* by Isabella Cosse (Author), Laura Pérez Carrara (Translator)
14. *Without You, There Is No Us: Undercover Among the Sons of North Korea's Elite* by Suki Kim 2015
15. *How to Lose the Information War: Russia, Fake News, and the Future of Conflict* by Nina Jankowicz 2020

**All seniors will meet in late August to have an in-depth discussion about the following book and their role in the upcoming semester:**

International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice 4th Edition

by Ian Hurd (Author)

ISBN-13: 978-1108814317

ISBN-10: 110881431X