

MPHMUN Reading List 2021

Freshman

9th Grade MPH MUN students are expected to read **two** books from the list below, the first of which is required and the other is your choice. Additionally, it is highly recommended that you read the news and stay up to date on global affairs. The books can be procured at the public library. You **DO NOT** need to purchase them. 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:

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. Who does the author think you are (the reader)? What assumptions do they make about the person reading the book?
4. 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?
5. What ideas or scenes in the book, if any, resonated in your being? Why do you think this was the case?

REQUIRED

1. *The United Nations: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions)* by Jussi M. Hanhimäki
ISBN-10 : 0190222700
ISBN-13 : 978-0190222703

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

2. *The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption* by Dahr Jamail
3. *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo (2012)
4. *Epidemic: Ebola and the Global Scramble to Prevent the Next Killer Outbreak*. By Reid Wilson
5. *Without You, There Is No Us: Undercover Among the Sons of North Korea's Elite* by Suki Kim 2015
6. *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Ma

Below this listing are recommended sites for keeping up with global affairs.

Council on Foreign Relations: <https://www.cfr.org/newsletters/daily-news-brief>

Al-Jazeera: <https://www.aljazeera.com/>

NYT video (the newspaper requires subscription): <https://www.nytimes.com/video>