

**MPHMUN 9th Grade SUMMER ASSIGNMENT**  
2022

**9th Grade** MPH MUN students are **REQUIRED** to read the book below. Additionally, it is expected that you read the news and stay up to date on global affairs. The book can be procured at the public library. You **DO NOT** need to purchase it. 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. *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder (2003)  
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**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>