

MPHMUN Summer Assignment 2023

Grades 10-12

NOT Freshman

SOPHOMORES are expected to read any *ONE* book on the list below. Students **MUST ALSO** stay updated on WORLD NEWS. You will be expected to know several current events and your country's basic government policies.

JUNIORS are expected to read **TWO** books on the list below. Students **MUST ALSO** stay updated on WORLD NEWS. You will be expected to know several current events and your country's basic government policies.

SENIORS see below for your required reading. We will meet BEFORE the start of the school year (usually day of the picnic) to discuss the book and prepare for the year. Additionally, I recommend that you read one of the books on the grades 10-11 book list that you have not yet read.

All students: There are many titles listed below. You are encouraged to read more than your required reading but you will not be repping on it.

REMEMBER: We do what is expected of us because it is the right thing to do. We do NOT DO SCHOOL.

For the book reading:

The 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?
- How does the book relate to issues involving International Affairs?
- What ideas or scenes in the book, if any, resonate 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 End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption* by Dahr Jamail.
3. *From Cold War to Hot Peace: An American Ambassador in Putin's Russia*. By Michael McFaul (2019)
4. *Worldmaking After Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination* By Adom Getachew
5. *The Narrow Corridor: States, Societies, and the Fate of Liberty* By Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson
6. *Our Bodies, Their Battlefields: War Through the Lives of Women* By Christina Lamb
7. *Having and Being Had*, Eula Biss
8. *The Undocumented Americans*, Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
9. *Food Fix: How to Save Our Health, Our Economy, Our Communities, and Our Planet—One Bite at a Time* by Dr. Mark Hyman
10. *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai

11. *Against the Loveless World* by Susan Abulhawa
12. *Mafalda: A Social and Political History of Latin America's Global Comic* by Isabella Cosse (Author), Laura Pérez Carrara (Translator)
13. *Without You, There Is No Us: Undercover Among the Sons of North Korea's Elite* by Suki Kim 2015
14. *How to Lose the Information War: Russia, Fake News, and the Future of Conflict* by Nina Jankowicz 2020
15. *Prisoners Of Geography*, by Tim Marshall
16. *Industrial Strength Denial*, by Freese
17. *Good International Citizenship: The Case for Decency (In the National Interest)* by Gareth Evans
18. *The Age of the Strongman: How the Cult of the Leader Threatens Democracy Around the World* by Gideon Rachman
19. *The Future of Money: How the Digital Revolution Is Transforming Currencies and Finance* by Eswar S. Prasad
20. *Things Are Never So Bad That They Can't Get Worse: Inside the Collapse of Venezuela* by William Neuman

SENIOR BOOK:

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)

THIS BOOK IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK AT THE FRONT OFFICE AT MPH- no need to buy

Seniors- IF you want to read further, the following are past Senior Readings that we have done.

1. *The Retreat of Western Liberalism* by Edward Luce (2017)
2. *Transforming Multilateral Diplomacy: The Inside Story of the Sustainable Development Goals*. 1st Edition by Macharia Kamau, Pamela Chasek, David O'Connor.