

MPHMUN
9th Grade SUMMER ASSIGNMENT
2023

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 book 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. What two things from the book can you research to add detail and relevancy to world affairs?
4. What was your big takeaway from the book and what are specific examples in the book that support your big takeaway?

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>