

## Rising Tenth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Please read *Mountains Beyond Mountains: Healing the World: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer* by Tracy Kidder (Random House, 2003; **ISBN-13:** 978-0375506161). The purpose of the reading is to prepare you for some of the major themes in global history next year, and to provide a common reference for discussion in September.

You will be asked to do some writing about the summer reading in the fall. So, please read carefully. And, use strategies that successful readers use. Underline key passages. Take notes on big ideas or great examples in either a notebook or on post-its. Bring the book and your notes to history class on the first day of history class in the fall.

### Guiding your reading:

- 1) How is Haiti "covered with the fingerprints...of France and the United States?" In what ways are wealthy countries responsible for the poverty of other countries?
- 2) Kidder often describes the patients that Farmer treats. He spends a great deal of time on the story of John near the end of the book. How do this and other stories illustrate the complexities of poverty? How do this and other stories relate to the title of the book?
- 3) Respond to the following: "Lives of service depend on lives of support." Who supports Farmer? Who supports you? Whom do you support?

Read the whole book and find evidence throughout the book to answer the questions; you will write an in-class essay on one of the three questions. Be prepared to use your evidence to write the essay.