

QFM - K. Debure
Due Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011, 11:30am

Writing Assignment #14

Write an essay which synthesizes the basic ideas of a portion of the assigned reading. Reflect upon your own reactions to the piece.

Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*:

Topic 1: Discuss Farmer's hypothesis that poverty, inequality, and illiteracy are major contributing factors to infectious diseases such as AIDS and TB. How did he come to develop this model? What problems does this hypothesis present with respect to the treatment programs in Haiti? In Peru? In Russia?

Topic 2: Describe Paul Farmer's childhood. What was unusual about it? What kind of student was he? How did he become interested in the health and social problems in Haiti? What personal sacrifices does he make to succeed at his work? Is it worth it? Explain your view.

Your paper should be one page long, single spaced, in Times Roman with a font size of 12. Margins should be 1" on each side, top and bottom. Please do not include a title block or reiteration of the question at the top of the paper. Simply begin your discussion or essay on the first line. Do not double space between paragraphs. You are expected to proofread and spell check your paper before turning it in.

Please hand write the word "pledged" in the bottom right corner of the page to signify that the essay you are submitting is consistent with the Honor Code.