

Directions: Write a comprehensive, summarizing paragraph for each of the following main concepts.

I. Globalization: Causes and Processes

A. What Globalization Means

B. The New Technology

C. Economic Globalization: Business Organization and Investment

D. Migration

E. Cultural Globalization

F. Institutions of Globalization

II. Resistance and Alternatives

A. Protest and Economic Uncertainties

B. Nationalism and New Religious Currents

III. The Global Environment

A. Environmental Issues as Global Concerns

B. Disease

C. Globalization and Global Balance

IV. Toward the Future

A. Projecting from Trends

B. Big Changes

C. The Problem of the Contemporary Period

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KEY TERMS

Globalization:

Multinational corporations.

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

A. Which aspects of globalization do you find most influential in forming the conditions of life around the world at the close of the 20th century? Open discussion session with answers based on personal preferences. Consider various aspects of life: the economy, culture, intellectual life, diplomacy.

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2. In what sense can it be said that the 20th century represents a new period in world civilizations?

3. What trends in political organization and economic development can be identified in 20th-century world civilizations?

4. In what ways has the 20th century offered evidence of human progress? In what ways has humanity regressed?

5. The authors postulate several potential causal factors impacting civilization in the future, including population growth, the exhaustion of frontiers, and technological advances associated with the “post-industrial world.” Evaluate the impact such factors are likely to have on the future.

6. Consider the role of traditional civilization identity versus the pace of internationalization in 20th-century cultures.

MAP EXERCISE: Draw a map of the world of the 22nd Century. Identify new borders, new countries, based on trends and your ideas of the future.