Globalization
Connecting the Continents
Defining Globalization

Globalization: a term used to describe the 21st century realities connecting people and places of the earth together.

- The definition reflects specific spheres:
  - Economic
  - Political
  - Social
Political Globalization

• Countries are working together on central issues as global partners rather than addressing each issue as independent nations.

Example

• The United Nations is one of the central forums that facilitates today’s multinational discussions, debates, actions on peacekeeping, development, environmental protection, human rights, and the maintenance of the rule of law internationally.
Citizens of different nations are viewing themselves as members of a “great society” of 7.18 billion people of the earth, addressing the needs of people beyond their borders through humanitarian efforts and constantly exchanging ideas and cultural practices with each other.
Globalization Defined

- "Globalization" is a term that came into popular usage in the 1980s to describe the increased movement of people, knowledge and ideas, and goods and money across national borders that has led to increased interconnectedness among the world's populations, economically, politically, socially and culturally.
Technology

- Technology has allowed us to overcome physical borders through dynamic advances in communication and transportation.
Globe: a map of the Earth on a hollow sphere. A globe gives us a physical representation of the planet.

To understand the term globalization, we must recognize the root of the word. We can think of globalization as referring to the connections being made across the globe.

“Globe”-alization
Vocabulary

- **Geography**: the study of the Earth’s surface
- **Continent**: any one of the seven large continuous land masses that constitute most of the dry land on the surface of the earth
Geography & the World

- Physical Geography: relates to the natural environment and how climate, vegetation, soil, water, and landforms are produced/interact.

- Political (Human) Geography: how space is created, viewed, and managed by humans and the influence humans have on the space they occupy.

- Environmental Geography: combines physical and human geography and looks at the interactions between the environment and humans.
Types of Maps

• Physical Maps: illustrates the physical or natural world. They show locations of identifiable bodies of water and are used to locate rivers, mountains, ocean currents and wind.

• Political Maps: show the political divisions that people have made on Earth. Political maps show the boundaries of nations-states and cities.

• Thematic: shows a particular theme connected with a specific geographic area. (ex: population density)
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Thematic Map

- Thematic Maps show a particular theme connected with a specific geographic area. They show distributions and relationships among map features.
The Continents
The Oceans
## Continent Profiles

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