

Guiding Questions: *The Power of Place*, Chapter One

All questions asked are from Harm de Blij's point of view. That is, your answer should reflect the way he would answer based on your understanding of the chapter, not your personal opinion.

1. When a company has some function of their business done by another company, usually at a lower cost, this is called...

_____.

2. What happens to geographic boundaries in Thomas Freidman's "flat world"?

_____.

3. "_____, not constraint is the mantra of the new flat-world proponents."

_____.

4. Harm de Blij says in the Preface that the power of place and the fate of people are linked by many strands. Name one.

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5. Name one of the two themes that are "interlocked" in de Blij's book.

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6. How many passengers are there on "Cruiseship Earth"?

_____.

7. For whom is the world flattening?

_____.

8. Who will increasingly outnumber the "fortunate globals"?

_____.

9. In what regions of the world is population declining?

_____.

Think! Write clearly.

10. Globalization and _____ are synonymous.

11. Who are the “agents of change”?

12. Why is the Earth in “a race against time”?

13. Globals have always wreaked havoc among workers and controlled the fates of locals. What has changed is the _____.

14. One key lesson from South Africa in the 1950s, according to de Blij, is that “some regimes, unconstrained by international scrutiny and undeterred by multilateral sanctions or other direct costs, are able to ...”

15. The “Western Wall” reflects a desire to do what?

16. De Blij says that apartheid’s grand design, it’s essentially _____, _____, was unique.

17. What is the human trait de Blij identifies as having “marked the map” (Figure 1.1 Core/Periphery) for as long as communities have existed?

18. What remains today as “the cornerstone of international structures and systems”, the entity that exerts the most control over human movement?

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19. What “momentous process”, first discussed in this class in our introduction to Human Geography, is changing the geography of the earth and affecting the destiny of the earth’s “passengers”?

20. What do declining national populations need?

21. What phrase characterizes the de Blij’s predicted demographic cycle beyond the 21st century?

22. One of de Blij’s section headings describes his point that the original settlement patterns of the human species have remained essentially unchanged except for the conquest of the Americas and the rapid increase in human population in the last century. What is that section heading?

23. Why are the poorest of the poor countries contributing relatively few of the world’s Mobals?

24. In our “divided world”, what restricts or constrains countless “would-be” Mobals?

25. What “slows the leveling of the social platform of the planet” so that the “flattening” implied by globalization is not happening at the pace that many Globals would like to believe?

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