

## Ancient and Modern Cultures: Defining Globalization



### STUDENT ACTIVITY

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In this assessment activity, you will answer three questions:

1. Do you think that globalization is a modern-culture extension of the beginnings of interconnectedness that we have explored in ancient cultures? Why or why not?
2. Although globalization has become a household word in today's vocabulary, there is neither a consistent nor an operational definition of the term. Select one of the definitions of globalization below (or compose your own definition) and explain why you think this definition will lead to the most positive interconnectedness between people of today's civilizations.
  - The acceleration and intensification of economic interaction among the people, companies, and governments of different nations.
  - The integration of political and cultural systems as well as economics across the globe.
  - The worldwide compression of space and time and the intensification of consciousness about the world as a whole, including economic, cultural, and physical aspects of people's lives.
3. What disadvantages do you think will result from the definition of globalization that you selected?