Final Assignment

Requirements
Write a five-page, double-spaced essay (approximately 1250 words) in response to the following topic. Your essay should follow the usual rules of English grammar and spelling. For guidance on questions of style, consult the document labeled “Editing Suggestions,” or Strunk and White or the MIT Online Writing Communication Center.

Topic
Is the world today more global than it was in 1400? In no more than a paragraph, define your understanding of the term "global," then respond to the prompt by considering only ONE of the following three categories:
  • Trade and commerce
  • Warfare
  • Religion and culture
  • A successful answer will draw on examples from several periods between 1400 and the present. If you decide to argue that the world has become more global since 1400, do not discount the abundant examples of world-wide contact and conflict we have studied throughout the term.