**Chapter 14—Economic Transformations: Commerce and Consequence, 1450–1750**

**Seeking the Main Point**

**In what different ways did global commerce transform human societies and the lives of individuals during the early modern era?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it as you take notes and for studying.***  *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to help you organize the various ways in which global commerce transformed human societies and the lives of individuals. Enter each way that you identify in the left-hand column, and then record specific examples of how it impacted societies and/or individuals in the two columns to the right. If you are unsure about whether an event primarily impacted society as a whole or individuals in society, put it in both columns. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure to put quotation marks around the copied material; however, if you can think of a way to put it into your own words, you should do so.*

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| **Impact of Global Commerce** | **Examples of Impact on Human Societies** | **Examples of Impact on Individuals** |
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*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers this question:*

**In what aspects of society and the lives of individuals did global commerce have the greatest impact?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. You may want to consider whether some of the categories that you identified in the left-hand column can be grouped together. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*