

1. What three things does Friedman say the US was preoccupied with while the world 'flattened'?
2. Where was he when he first became aware of the new wave of events?
3. What is the significance of 24/7/365?
4. What were the eight places on the Infosys clocks?
5. What two things did Nilekani attribute to the flattening?
6. What were the effects of those things?
7. According to Friedman, what are the dates of the first globalization era?
8. Why was that first era undertaken?
9. Name the dates encompassing the second era of globalization.
10. What was sought during the second era?
11. What two things are being accomplished during the present era?
12. What are four major differences between the first two eras and the present one?
13. Name two drawbacks of being so interconnected globally.
14. Name two positive aspects of the interconnection.
15. What event does he consider the first, and what is its significance? (It's geographic!)
16. Walls and windows? Explain.
17. The second key date- name it and give two effects from it.
18. What did Global Crossing, among others, do to hasten the flattening? Be specific.
19. Which country benefited the most and why?
20. What analogy to the global undersea-underground fiber network did Singh make?
21. "Indian Interdependence Day"-explain.
22. Define 'workflow'.
23. Name the fourth through ninth flatteners and explain their significance.
24. What are "the steroids"? Define them.
25. When did all these things converge?
26. Friedman lists three countries and three regions whose populations ran onto the playing field in the 1990s- name them and give the reason for this change.
27. "Dreamed up in China"- explain it.
28. What is the population of China?
29. Where is Microsoft's most productive research team in the world located? Why?
30. Name the four necessities for success in the global market, according to Rajesh Rao.
31. What American event does Friedman compare today's time with?
32. What is extreme capitalism and who is practicing it?
33. What three things does Friedman encourage our government to do to ready its workforce for the future?
34. How have we effectively reduced the numbers of scientists and engineers in the US?
35. Why are companies outsourcing? Name three reasons for it.
36. Why does Bill Gates say US education is obsolete?
37. What suggestions does Friedman have for American parents?