

HISTORY: HABITS OF MIND

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Global History

Interregional

- Textbooks have overlapping time frames as the chapters move from region to region and it would be very complicated to create a timeline from the textbook table of contents.

World historians have a challenging job as they are not just looking at one region (like North America) or one nation (such as the U.S.). World historians look at all regions and the entire globe. For this reason, world historians use larger spatial frames like the globe and the “interregion,” as well as smaller ones such as region or nation. ***Interregional*** means of, relating to, or conducted between two or more regions.

Geographers also use these different spatial frames in their work.

Local

- <http://goo.gl/maps/tXLA>
- What do you see? It's Dakota High School!
- This is a local perspective.
- As Dakota High School students you have a unique perspective on this area. People from California, for example, would see it differently and would have a different ideas about this location that the people that live there right?

Regional

- <http://goo.gl/maps/Kp9E>
- This is a regional map.
- This shows the Midwest which is a region of the United States that includes the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, etc.
- The red mark shows you where Dakota High School is located. Within the region it is obviously VERY small.
- What details do you see now that you did not see before? What details still exist from the last map? Anything?

Global

- <http://goo.gl/maps/JyEl>
- This is a world or global perspective.
- What details still remain? What new details appear?
- When you look at something from a global perspective you lose a lot of detail. You now have a lot more to look at so the details are not as easy to see.
- Dakota High School is only visible because it is shown with the red mark and is a detail that would not be studied unless something really significant happened there. However, locally it is very important and is more important to us than this school in India <http://goo.gl/maps/Tmhq> for example.

Why?

- Throughout this course you will move between examining global events, interregional events, regional events, and sometimes even national or local events. It is important to keep in mind that our perspective changes and that sometimes we will be looking at history in broad themes and geography, sometimes we will be looking at events in detail. It is important to keep this in mind as we study history.

- http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu/movies/flash_large.php