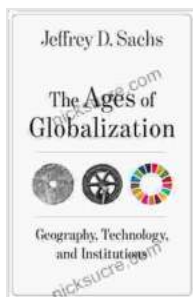


The Ages of Globalization: Geography, Technology, and Institutions

Globalization is a term that is often used to describe the increasing interconnectedness of the world's economies, cultures, and populations. However, globalization is not a new phenomenon. In fact, the world has been globalizing for centuries.

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Each of these ages has been characterized by a unique set of driving forces, including technological innovations, economic changes, and political developments.

The Age of Exploration

The Age of Exploration began in the 15th century with the Portuguese and Spanish voyages of discovery. These voyages led to the European discovery of the Americas, Africa, and Asia. The Age of Exploration was a time of great technological innovation, including the development of the compass, the astrolabe, and the caravel. These innovations made it possible for Europeans to travel farther and more safely than ever before.

The Age of Exploration also had a profound impact on the world's economy. The discovery of new lands and new trade routes led to a dramatic increase in the flow of goods and services between Europe and the rest of the world. This trade led to the rise of new economic powers, such as Portugal, Spain, and the Netherlands.

The Age of Exploration also had a significant impact on the world's political landscape. The discovery of new lands led to the establishment of new colonies and the expansion of European empires. This expansion led to conflict between European powers and the indigenous peoples of the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

The Age of Industrialization

The Age of Industrialization began in the 18th century with the development of the steam engine. The steam engine made it possible to power factories and other machines, which led to a dramatic increase in the production of goods. The Age of Industrialization also saw the development of new

technologies, such as the telegraph, the telephone, and the automobile. These technologies made it possible for people to communicate and travel more quickly and easily than ever before.

The Age of Industrialization had a profound impact on the world's economy. The increased production of goods led to a decline in prices and an increase in the standard of living for many people. The Age of Industrialization also led to the rise of new economic powers, such as the United States, Germany, and Japan.

The Age of Industrialization also had a significant impact on the world's political landscape. The rise of new economic powers led to a shift in the balance of power between nations. This shift led to conflict between major powers, such as the World Wars.

The Age of Imperialism

The Age of Imperialism began in the 19th century with the European colonization of Africa and Asia. The Age of Imperialism was a time of great political and economic expansion for European powers. European powers established colonies in Africa and Asia in order to gain access to new markets, resources, and labor. The Age of Imperialism also saw the rise of new technologies, such as the steamship and the machine gun. These technologies made it possible for European powers to conquer and control vast territories.

The Age of Imperialism had a profound impact on the world's political landscape. The establishment of European colonies in Africa and Asia led to the displacement of indigenous peoples and the imposition of European

rule. The Age of Imperialism also led to conflict between European powers and the indigenous peoples of Africa and Asia.

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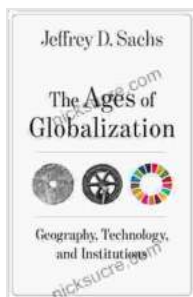
The Age of Information began in the 20th century with the development of the computer. The computer has made it possible to store, process, and transmit information in ways that were not possible before. The Age of Information has also seen the development of new technologies, such as the Internet, the World Wide Web, and social media. These technologies have made it possible for people to communicate and share information more quickly and easily than ever before.

The Age of Information has had a profound impact on the world's economy. The development of new technologies has led to the rise of new industries and the decline of old ones. The Age of Information has also made it possible for people to work remotely and do business with people all over the world.

The Age of Information has also had a significant impact on the world's political landscape. The development of new technologies has made it possible for people to communicate and organize more easily. This has led to the rise of new social movements and the spread of democracy.

Globalization is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon that has been shaped by a variety of factors, including geography, technology, and institutions. The history of globalization can be divided into four distinct ages: the Age of Exploration, the Age of Industrialization, the Age of Imperialism, and the Age of Information. Each of these ages has been

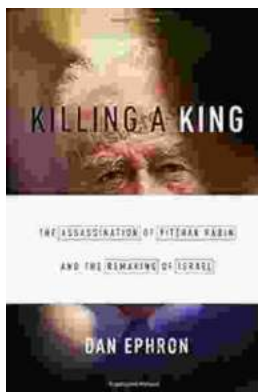
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