Social Studies 10-1

Unit 1: Globalization and identity

Dimensions of globalization

A phone in Edmonton

- The phone was assembled from parts made in more than one country.
- A Canadian carrier and Canadian privacy rules govern how it connects here.
- The group chat on the screen mixes English, emoji, and a family language.

One phone in three dimensions

- A phone in an Alberta classroom is political when laws govern its data, spectrum, and import.
- The same phone is economic when wages, shipping, and price connect factories and buyers.
- The phone is social when the language of an app and a group chat shape daily relationships.

Key terms

political dimension

The political dimension of globalization is the layer of laws, states, and institutions that set rules for cross-border life.

economic dimension

The economic dimension of globalization is the layer of production, trade, prices, and investment that crosses borders.

social dimension

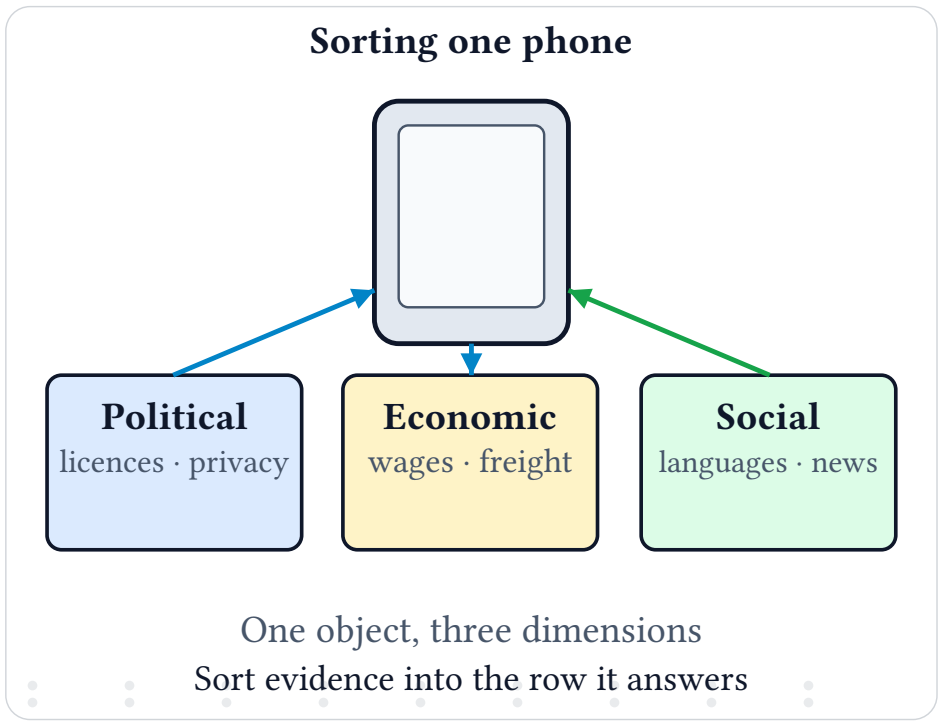
The social dimension of globalization is the layer of language, media, migration, and daily relationships among people.

sketch map

A sketch map is a simplified geographical drawing with labels that support an inference about movement or place.

Sorting the dimensions

- Political: spectrum licences, import rules, and privacy statutes.
- Economic: wages in assembly plants, freight costs, and the retail price.
- Social: app languages, friendships, and the news the phone delivers.



Sketch map of a supply route

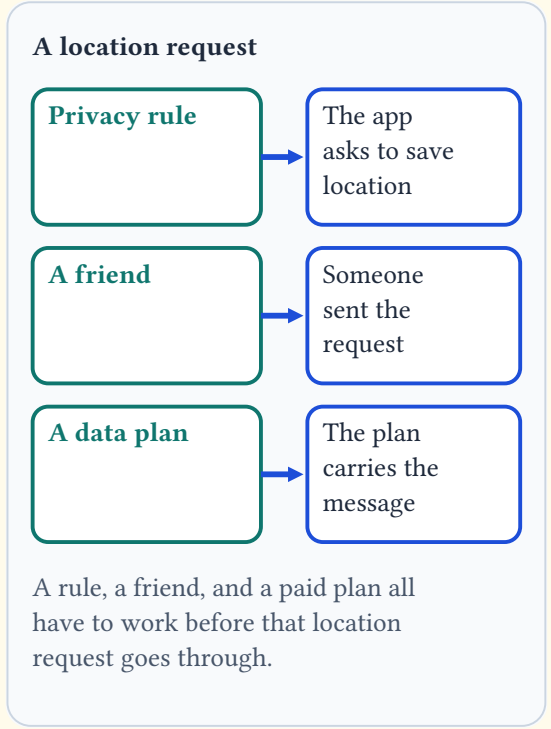
- Label A, Pacific factories: components and assembly, an economic place.
- Label B, Port of Vancouver: ships, customs rules, and inspection, a political and economic gate.
- Label C, Edmonton store and classroom: price, privacy settings, and a multilingual chat, all three dimensions.



The phone reaches Edmonton only after factories, a ship, and the port have each done their part.

A privacy prompt

- A pop-up asks for location data before a map app will load.
- Canadian privacy law is the political context of that pop-up.
- The friend who sent a pin is the social context, and the data plan is the economic context.



A rule, a friend, and a paid plan all have to work before that location request goes through.

Sneaker shipment

- A sneaker is designed in one country, stitched in another, and sold in a Calgary mall.
- A trade rule and a wage are different facts.
- The logo on a classmate’s foot is a social fact about status and advertising.

Review

- A rumour says a government may restrict an app.
- Students still sort law, price, and relationships.
- The sketch map asks where the company and the users live.