Global Ties, Local Choices

How worldwide connections shape life and work in Indiana

IS.1.33 "Analyze the impact of globalization on Hoosier culture and Indiana's policies, international connections, and technological innovations."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one change to Hoosier culture and circle one state policy shaped by global competition. Number two effects of technology or international supply chains on Indiana producers.

A Global Story in Indiana

1 In Lafayette, a vehicle can tell a global story. Subaru of Indiana Automotive began production there in 1989 as a venture involving Japanese automakers. Its vehicles are assembled by Indiana workers and sold across the United States. Work at a Japanese-owned plant connects local employees with business practices and colleagues from another country. Global ties reach beyond factories, too. At Indianapolis's International Festival, residents share food, music, and traditions from many countries. These encounters do not replace Hoosier culture. They add new experiences to it, while workers and families still shape their own community traditions.

2 To compete for projects like auto plants, Indiana's government has changed how it seeks jobs. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation, created in 2005, promotes the state to companies at home and abroad. State leaders may offer tax credits to attract investment and support training so residents can qualify for new jobs. These policies can help build long-term ties with businesses based in other countries. They also involve choices: tax credits can reduce public revenue that could support other needs. Globalization therefore influences not only which firms invest in Indiana, but also how state leaders weigh jobs against costs.

3 Global competition also affects what Indiana producers invent and adopt. Some factories use robots and computer-controlled equipment to make parts with consistent measurements. Farmers use GPS-guided machines and field data to place seeds and fertilizer more precisely. These tools can reduce waste and help producers compete for customers, including buyers beyond the United States. But worldwide links create vulnerabilities alongside opportunities. If electronic components from abroad are delayed, an Indiana factory may have to slow production. Innovation helps producers work across borders, yet it cannot remove their dependence on international supply chains.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How can the factory and the International Festival add to Hoosier culture without replacing local traditions?

2. Why might Indiana leaders offer a tax credit to an international company, and what is one cost of that choice?

3. How does the Lafayette plant show that an Indiana job can be connected to another country?

4. How can technology help Indiana producers compete globally, and why might a factory still slow production?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine an Indiana town considering a new factory owned by a company based overseas. Write five or six sentences recommending what town leaders should consider. Predict a cultural change, a policy choice and its tradeoff, and an effect of technology or an international supply-chain risk; explain how global ties cause each.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one change to Hoosier culture and circle one state policy shaped by global competition. Number two effects of technology or international supply chains on Indiana producers. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How can the factory and the International Festival add to Hoosier culture without replacing local traditions?	**Factory work connects employees with Japanese colleagues and business practices, while the festival brings food, music, and traditions from many countries into community life. Residents can encounter these influences while continuing their own traditions.**
2	Why might Indiana leaders offer a tax credit to an international company, and what is one cost of that choice?	**A tax credit may attract investment and jobs, but it can reduce public revenue available for other needs.**
3	How does the Lafayette plant show that an Indiana job can be connected to another country?	**Indiana workers assemble vehicles at a Japanese-owned plant, connecting their work with colleagues and business practices from Japan.**
4	How can technology help Indiana producers compete globally, and why might a factory still slow production?	**Robots, computer-controlled equipment, or GPS-guided machines can improve precision or reduce waste. A factory may still slow production if electronic components from abroad are delayed.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would support the factory if leaders explain its costs before offering incentives. Employees working with overseas colleagues could bring new languages and customs into local events, adding to the town's traditions. A tax credit might attract the company and create jobs, but it could leave less money for public services. Computer-controlled machines could help the plant make precise parts and compete with factories abroad. Leaders should also ask how delayed imported components would affect shifts, since a breakdown in a global supply chain could cut local hours.

Accept other passage-supported cultural influences, policy tradeoffs, and technology effects. For Part 3, look for five or six sentences that explain how global connections lead to each predicted effect.