

**Diablo Valley College – International Relations (8609)**  
**Final Research Paper – Fall 2009**

**Question:** Discuss the various types of globalization. With a focus on *economic* globalization, examine the differing schools of thought on whether the evidence in the current debate favors those who see economic globalization as essentially positive, and those who suggest that this process is driving more people into poverty and creating a “race to the bottom.” Please support *every* statement of fact or academic opinion with a citation.

**Sample Outline**  
**(But feel free to design your outline any way you wish)**

**I. Introduction / Thesis Statement** – a brief statement outlining your position or something relevant about this issue.

**II. Body** – the bulk of the paper is here, in data taken from the readings and other evidence you have found to support your position.

**A. The Globalization Process**

1. History (is globalization just imperialism with a new name?)
2. An inevitable process? (can or should it be controlled by states?)

**B. The Data**

1. The various methodologies used to measure globalization
  - a. GDP, Gini coefficient, PPP values, etc. (Sutcliffe)
2. Who’s winning and who’s losing?

**C. Globalization’s Institutions**

1. The IMF, World Bank, and the WTO
2. The “free trade” debate

**D. Capitalism, Imperialism and Corporate-Led Globalization**

**III. Conclusion** – based on the evidence you have gathered, your opinion on this question of whether economic globalization in its current form, will ultimately benefit all of humankind, or lead us into more prolonged and bitter conflicts.

**Extras:**

1. Again, make sure to include a citation *every time you use a statement or an idea from the readings that I have provided, or that you found in your own independent research.*

2. “A” papers will be:

- a. *fully documented and cited*
- b. *a minimum of 8 – 10 pages in length*
- c. *research beyond authors provided*
- d. *turned in on time (12-16-09)*