

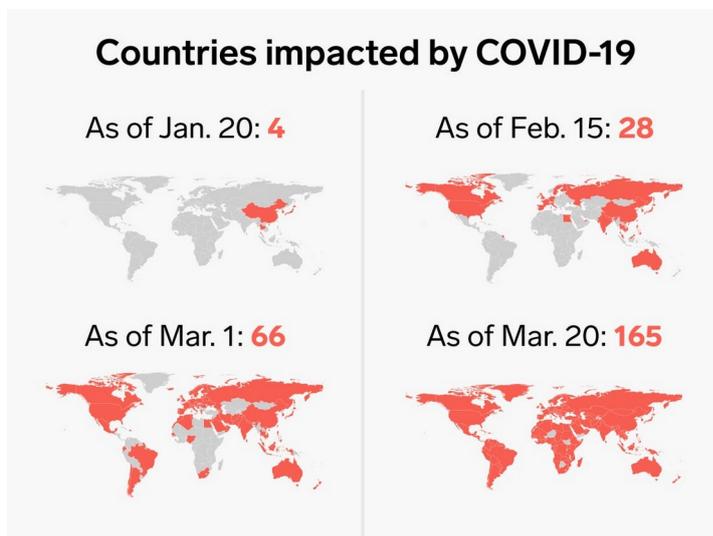
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## **Research and writing assignment**

There have been many different diseases over the years and they have spread over the whole world. One of the main differences over the years is the speed at which some of those diseases spread. The world nowadays is very different from the past, because the networks are way better and closer, which allows things such as diseases to spread a lot easier and quicker. With all the different kinds of transportation and people traveling around the globe, diseases can spread at a rapid pace, a prime example for that is Covid-19.

Some other reasons that help diseases spread so far nowadays is the population on earth. We have such a high density across the world, which makes it easier for diseases to spread. When we look in the past, people were more spread out and colonies were big distances away from each other, which made it harder for things to spread.

So as an example to take a closer look at how diseases spread nowadays, we will look at the Covid-19 pandemic, where it started and how it spread across the globe.



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When we look at the map above, the numbers in red indicate how many countries got hit with the Corona virus at what dates. The start of the disease was in Asia, more specific in China. It didn't take long for the Virus to spread because of all the reasons already mentioned above, because it only took one month to spread over 28 countries. Covid-19 reached Europe, North America and also Australia at that point in time. At this point it was basically too late, within the next two weeks the disease was spread over 66 countries and only 20 days after that, by march 20<sup>th</sup>, Covid-19 has spread over 165 countries around the world.

A lot of countries tried different methods to prevent the spread, but unsuccessful. So some of the main reason for the outcome we had today with the Virus were that the world is so connected with each other and the population has such a high density, that the disease spread at a rapid pace.

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