Research & Writing Assignment

Week 8

Adidas shoes: My Adidas shoes are made in Indonesia. This means all the material was put together in Indonesia but the material had to be fetched first. So all the material also had to be shipped first to Indonesia which can happen via truck, boat, or plane. After the shoes were produced in Indonesia they still had to be shipped to the store where I bought them. This can also happen via truck, boat or plane. Last but not least, because I bought the shoes in the store they didn't have to be shipped to my home, instead I bought them in the shop and took them back home in my car. (Adidas)

Pineapple: The main supply for the USA are the West Indies and the Bahama Islands. From there they have to be shipped via boat or plane into the United States and via truck to the supermarkets where I take one and bring it back home. (naldc)

Music box: Again all the material has to be fetched at different locations then they have to be shipped to China where my music box has been made. After that, the product was shipped via boat, truck, or plane to a storage of the JBL concern. When I made the purchase online to buy the box they gave the product to a delivery company like UPS and they shipped the product right to my house.

Uni book: First there is an author or multiple authors who think of something and write it down. When they think they have a version to sell they usually go to a publishing company and ask if they will print and publish the book. When both sides are happy with a final version the

publishing company sends a blueprint to a factory via internet and the factory prints the books. The printed books are shipped to a storage facility from where the book gets shipped to the person who ordered the book.

Samsung phone: The primary design studio is located in Seoul, Korea. This is where the ideas are developed for the phone and where the blueprints are created. When they have a final version they send the blueprint via the internet probably to the central manufacturing hub, which is in Vietnam. Also, all the material necessary for the production of the product is being shipped to the same location. There they put everything together and build the working phones. Then the phones are shipped to a storage or shop. I bought my phone in a shop, so I took it back home myself. (Android)

Bluetooth headphones: First all the materials for the headphones have to be fetched and then shipped to the factory which in this case is located in China. There everything is put together and then shipped to a storage or shop of the brand. When I ordered them a delivery company took them from a storage and shipped them with a truck right to my house.

What would your world be like without this global network?

Without global networks, I wouldn't have the variety of products that I can buy because certain materials and plants can only be found and fetched in certain areas on earth. Without the networks, these things wouldn't be shipped to countries where they don't have them. Also, the price of most products would heavily increase because the production costs are less in different countries and additionally there would be less competition which also increases the price. The

technological stand would be much worse due to no communication with other countries and companies and in general the living standard would decrease. On top of that, I wouldn't be able to study in the United States and still live in Germany. My family might have to grow their own plants for food as there are no supermarkets, only local shops. The number of things you would have to do yourself would hugely increase. I couldn't even talk to my family in Brazil as Germany doesn't have any internet networks connected to other countries.

I believe Global networks are a very important component of our modern era which is why if they would be missing, our daily lives would be like before the modern epoch started.

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