What about Your Neighborhood?

Research the region you live in. Is there a container port in your area? Is there an airport that is used as a commercial hub?

Are there products made in your community that are exported to other parts of the world?

Is there a company in your community that has found new markets overseas to sell local products? How has this affected the community?

How many items in your room are imports? How did they get to you?

Take a second look. Can you find containers being carried by trains or trucks?

Have there been recent migrations of people in and out of your community? Why?

Using census information, research the demographics of your community. What percentage of your state is composed of foreign-born Americans? What countries have these immigrants come from?

What are the challenges for new immigrants in your community? What are the advantages?

What work opportunities are available in your community? How are these jobs dependent on transportation?

Resources

U.S. Census Bureau (http://www.census.gov/)
Research the demographics of your community by clicking “American FactFinder.” Select “Maps” and then, next to “Show Me,” select “Foreign Born.” Select “State by County” to view a map showing how many people in your community are foreign born. Also included are ideas and lesson plans for using the census in the classroom.

Yahoo Hot Jobs (http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/)
Click “Search” after typing in your town or city and selecting your state to find out what sort of work opportunities there are in your community. Also check your local newspaper’s classified pages.

U.S. Department of Commerce (http://www.commerce.gov/)
Click on your state in the map in the right margin. Contact a commerce organization, administration, or department in your area for more information on the role your state plays in the global community.

A World Connected (http://www.aworldconnected.com)
Explores the pros and cons of globalization in today’s world.

Footnotes

Image card 5-3

Taking a Deeper Look
4. Explanation courtesy of Liz Claiborne, Inc.