The Rise of the Rest

**Directions:** Watch the two videos below dealing with the impact of globalization on the world and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences on properly labeled loose leaf.

**Globalization and Trade and Poverty**

*Crash Course Economics with Not John Green*

1. What were the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)?
2. What is the difference between poverty as defined within the US and extreme poverty as defined in global terms by the UN?
3. How and why has globalization contributed to the decline of extreme poverty around the world?
4. How and why have mobile phones been so transformative in developing countries? Give at least three examples.
5. Are jobs in sweatshops in developing countries actually beneficial in the grand scheme of things? How might they help to grow local economies?
6. How does the lack of regulations in developing countries harm workers? Even without such regulations, what other strategies are being used to improve working conditions in these developing countries?
7. Do you think globalization is sustainable? Explain.
8. How has Muhammad Yunus' concept of microcredit helped more people participate in the global economy?

**The Post-American World**

*Interview with Fareed Zakaria*

9. As other countries grow closer to the level of the United States, does that also mean that the United States will decline? Is it a "zero-sum game"? What does Zakaria say?
10. According to Zakaria, what is America's true strength that will allow it to continue to thrive in a post-American world?
11. What is the great irony of America's discomfort with the "Rise of the Rest"?
12. What do you think Zakaria means when he describes the United States as the world's only "universal nation"?
13. Listen to what Zakaria says about political demagogues and their exploitation of the fears that Americans hold about the changing world. This interview took place in 2008, also before a presidential election. Do you find that those concerns still ring true today? Explain.
14. According to Zakaria, what role can and should America play in this post-American world? How will it be different than before?