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Comprehension Check #1 Bonus Question

Read the quotation below. As a team, use and cite text sources to answer the questions that follow.

"It is evident that the Panama Canal, by modifying the direction of trade routes, will produce a great increase of commercial and shipping activity throughout the Caribbean Sea. This now deserted nook of the ocean will become a great thoroughfare of shipping and attract the interest and ambition of maritime nations. Every position in that sea will have enhanced commercial and military value, and the canal itself will become a strategic center of vital importance.

"Our self-imposed **isolation** in the matter of markets has coincided with a remoteness from the life of the rest of the world. When the canal is built this **isolation** will pass away, and with it the indifference of foreign nations. From wherever they come and wherever they go, all ships that use the canal will pass through the Caribbean. Large commercial and political interests will center around this focus of trade."

— Alfred Thayer Mahan, *The United States Looking Outward*

In your own words, describe what Alfred Thayer Mahan argued were the effects of isolation. How do Mahan's comments in the quotation above demonstrate the process of globalization?

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