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How did the global community, both as an idea and as a reality, emerge and develop? This question may be examined in many ways, but one possible approach would be to look at the creation, growth, and activities of international organizations, both governmental and nongovernmental. The contemporary world is an ever-changing mix of social and political changes. While religious, political, and ethnic conflicts continue, we are currently living in one of the most peaceful eras in the history of the planet. Challenges of the 21st century include emerging technologies, health care, overpopulation, climate change, poverty, illiteracy, disease, and migration. How we choose to deal with these emerging frontiers will shape this course for future generations.

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