### Read and React Exercises GEOG 1000-005Spring 2011 R.L. Mitchelson

### Text

Jackson, R.M., 2011. ***Annual Editions: Global Issues 2010/2011***. 26th Edition. Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill. (ISBN: 978-0-07-805058-9)

*Read and React (30 percent of grade).*

Ten (10) read and react exercises are assigned. These illustrate understanding of introductory elements of the geographer’s “spatial analysis” and the importance of spaces and places in understanding our world. Each exercise contributes three (3) percent toward the final grade. A high degree of professionalism is expected in each assignment. You should clearly illustrate comprehension of the assigned reading material when responding to the question posed for each article. An aspect of a specified article will be queried during a specified class period as indicated within your class calendar. You will be provided 10-15 minutes at the beginning of class to respond to the question posed about that article. Read each very carefully and practice answering the question prior to the class!!

Each reaction paper will be assigned a grade ranging from 0 to 3. The following grading rubric is used when assigning grades to the reaction papers.

 0…………….. well below expected level of performance in writing content and quality (unacceptable)

 1…………….. well below expected level of performance in writing content or quality (poor)

 2…………….. at expected level of performance in writing content and quality (adequate)

 3…………….. above expected level of performance and illustrates analytic creativity (very good)

*Read and React Exercises*

RR #1 (1/18) Article 30, “The Revenge of Geography”

 What is Mackinder’s view of the world and why does it need modification to fit modern conditions?

RR #2 (1/25) Article 34, “Lifting the Veil: Understanding the Roots of Islamic Militancy”

 What are the roots of Islamic militancy?

RR #3 (2/01) Article 12, “Climate Change”

 Contrast 5 climate change myths with reality.

RR #4 (2/15) Article 14, “Water of Life in Peril”

 Describe water shortages and their causes.

RR #5 (2/22) Article 2, “Could Food Shortages Bring Down Civilization”

 What are the causes of food shortages?

RR #6 (3/15) Article 3, “Navigating the Energy Transition”

 How is the energy world of 2050 portrayed and how will we get there?

RR #7 (3/22) Article 8, “Population and Sustainability”

 Why should global population growth regain some political focus?

RR #8 (3/29) Article 9, “Why Migration Matters”

 Why has the volume of international migration exploded?

RR #9 (4/05) Article 21, “Can Extreme Poverty Be Eliminated?”

 What special measures are needed to help the world’s poorest of the poor?

RR #10 (4/12) Article 20, “Why the World Isn’t Flat”

 Why isn’t the economic world as “flat” as some proclaim?