

# The Seventeenth Century and the Dawn of the Global World

The seventeenth century was a time of great change and upheaval, as the world began to shrink and the connections between different parts of the globe became more apparent. This was due in large part to the rise of maritime trade and exploration, which led to the establishment of new trading routes and the exchange of goods and ideas between different cultures. The seventeenth century also saw the rise of new political and economic systems, as well as the spread of new religious and scientific ideas. All of these factors contributed to the dawn of the global world, a world in which people from different parts of the globe were more closely connected and interdependent than ever before.

## The Rise of Maritime Trade and Exploration

One of the most important factors in the development of the global world was the rise of maritime trade and exploration. In the early seventeenth century, European powers began to establish trading posts and colonies in Asia, Africa, and the Americas. This led to the exchange of goods and ideas between different cultures, and it also helped to create a global network of trade and commerce. The Portuguese were the first Europeans to establish a global trading network, and they were followed by the Spanish, Dutch, English, and French. These European powers competed for control of the world's oceans and trade routes, and their rivalries often led to conflict and war.

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## The Rise of New Political and Economic Systems

The seventeenth century also saw the rise of new political and economic systems. In Europe, the rise of the nation-state led to the decline of the feudal system and the rise of centralized governments. This process was accompanied by the development of new economic systems, such as capitalism and mercantilism. Capitalism is an economic system based on the private ownership of property and the pursuit of profit. Mercantilism is an economic system that seeks to increase a country's wealth by promoting exports and restricting imports. These new political and economic systems helped to create a more interconnected and interdependent world.

## The Spread of New Religious and Scientific Ideas

The seventeenth century also saw the spread of new religious and scientific ideas. The Protestant Reformation, which began in the early sixteenth century, led to the establishment of new Protestant churches in Europe and North America. These new churches challenged the authority of the Catholic Church and helped to spread new ideas about religion and society. The seventeenth century also saw the rise of new scientific ideas,

such as the heliocentric theory of the solar system and the laws of motion. These new scientific ideas challenged the traditional beliefs of the time and helped to lay the foundation for the scientific revolution.

The seventeenth century was a time of great change and upheaval, as the world began to shrink and the connections between different parts of the globe became more apparent. The rise of maritime trade and exploration, the rise of new political and economic systems, and the spread of new religious and scientific ideas all contributed to the dawn of the global world. This process of globalization has continued to accelerate in the centuries since, and it has had a profound impact on the world we live in today.



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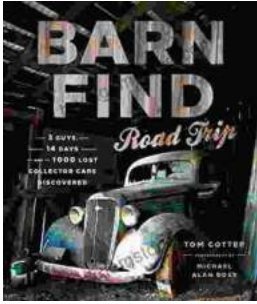
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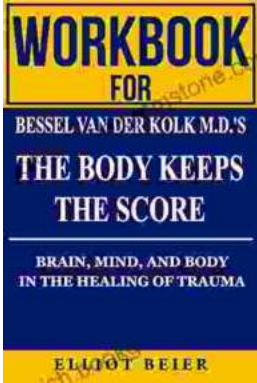
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