Introduction to Global Competition
How do countries compete?
There are 4 main areas of competition:

- Military
- Economic
- Political
- Cultural
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Economic

Countries by GDP
The UN Security Council

The Council is made up of five permanent and 10 non-permanent members. Every year, five of the non-permanent members are replaced by countries elected for two-year terms.

Members from Jan.1, 2011

South Africa, India and Colombia take seats in the Africa, Asia and Latin America groups.

Germany and Portugal take seats in the Western Europe and others group.

Source: un.org, securitycouncilreport.org; Photo: AP
Sochi 2014: How do we define global competition? Why are the Olympics a good example?

1. Who’s hosting the Olympics?
2. How much will it cost the host nation?
3. What nations hosted before/ will host after?
Why have those nations been chosen to be hosts?
Why have certain nations been identified as having the greatest potential for growth?
## Countries with the Potential for Growth

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### GDP per capita 1990 – 2010

Source: World Bank
Countries with the Potential for Growth

BRIC/MINT

emerging nations
What are the Emerging Nations?
Emerging Nations

Nations in the process of rapid growth and transition to a modern market economy, a process often involving industrialization, urbanization, and the social change that accompanies this structural change.
An acronym coined by Goldman Sachs in 2001 to include the rapidly growing economies of Brazil, Russia, India, and China. These are forecast to become some of the world’s most dominant economies by the middle of this century.
MINT nations

An acronym popularized by Jim O’Neill in 2012 to include the rapidly growing economies of Mexico, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Turkey. In addition to the BRIC nations, these are forecast to become some of the world’s most dominant economies by the middle of this century.
What is **POWER**?
The 4 Axes of Power

- Military
- Political
- Economic
- Cultural
Two Accompanying Essentials for Power

- Sizeable Population
- Supply of Natural Resources
What is a **SUPERPOWER**?
What is a **SUPERPOWER**?

Countries that have international influence in

- Impacting global events
- Protecting their own interests
- Having the ability to project power

In one term: these nations have a **sphere of influence**.
The term **SUPERPOWER** implies that one nation has power over other nations.
This is called hegemony.

A hegemony describes the leadership of one state over others in an international system.

International relations is about winning the championship game and coming out on top.

Think about the Super Bowl!
China has become the 21st century’s fastest growing nation.

How powerful is it?
In the 21st century, are there two great powers, the United States and China, or is there only one superpower?
History of U.S. Power

• By the end of the 20th century the European influence in the world had declined

• The U.S. was left as the strongest nation standing after World War II, gaining immense financial power thereafter (post-1945)
The Future of U.S. Power

• Right now America’s economy is the strongest in the world, but the economy has grown only 1.6% last year, whereas China’s economy has grown 8.9%.

• Despite America’s role as a superpower for the past few decades, the changing global climate suggests that other nations can surpass America’s influence by 2050.