Write an essay to answer the question "Is Globalization a New Phenomenon?" Use examples from Chapter 2 in our textbook to support your view

Globalization: A Phenomenon Since Ancient Times

The author Steger enumerated 4 types of scholars’ views in the unit 2 and he thought the last one that globalization has been unfolding for millennia is a rather sensible argument which I can’t agree more with him. In other words, globalization is a phenomenon since ancient times from my view.

First of all, globalization has been occurring since humans go all over the world for hurting. Then, with the establishment of permanent villages and the construction of fortified towns, the speed of human migration decreased. However, this does not mean that globalization vanished. On the contrary, this is the beginning of formation of empires which would accelerate globalization.

During the age of empires, the technology and culture developed continually which offered the basis of globalization. In the main time, what people want was not only bread and water, but also power and status, so that different camps of people started centuries of wars. For all that warfare leads to countless miserable stories, it promotes the interaction of different politics and cultures in some cases. Also in peacetime, millions of merchants became globetrotters to make money by importing and exporting goods through trade routes like the Silk Road which accelerate economic globalization.

More and more, in the early modern period, the western countries became main characters in the world through industrial revolution and accelerate globalization through colonial rule and cultural elimination. Nevertheless, in the modern period and contemporary period, the barbarous way would be replaced to a more amicable and egalitarian way to achieve globalization.

All in all, throughout the whole history of humans, we have sufficient justification to deem globalization is not a new phenomenon.