

## **Individual Research Project: Global Commodity Chain Analysis**

For this project, you will pick a single commodity (e.g., sugar, bananas, cotton, silver) to use as an analytical tool for helping your readers understand some of the complexities of global flows and processes. Your goal is to use your commodity to illustrate at least three important concepts from our class (e.g., primitive accumulation, international division of labor, McDonaldization, neoliberalism, externalities, etc.) in order to demonstrate key aspects of global flows and uneven development.

Your task:

1. A written research paper of 2000-2500 words that describes your commodity, connects it to at least three important concepts from class, and examines how this particular commodity can help us better understand some of the processes driving global flows and the unequal distribution of the costs/benefits of your chosen commodity. The paper must include at least two primary sources (maps, advertisements, company reports) and at least five secondary sources (peer-reviewed journal articles, books, class readings/discussion). Citations will be Chicago Style (footnotes, bibliography).

Your written final paper (which will include a link to your digital map) will be due in class on **Friday, November 20**.