World Geography
TED Talk: Jay Walker

Directions: Watch the TED Talk by Jay Walker titled “The World’s English Mania” and answer the thought questions below.

Thought Questions:

1. Why does Mr. Walker describe English as a “mania”?

2. How many English speakers are there worldwide? Which regions particularly are learning English?

3. Why are children choosing to learn English? In China particularly why is it so important to learn English?

4. Why is English increasingly popular world-wide?

5. What are the positives and negatives of having a worldwide language? (2 each)
   Positives
   Negatives

6. How are Native English speaking countries (Like the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, etc..) at an Advantage and disadvantage because of the growth of English? (2 Each)
   Positives
   Negatives