Discussion Questions – The Global Village

**Opening Questions**

1. What is the global village? What does he mean that it has “finally” arrived?
2. What is Iyer saying about identity in a globalized world?
3. Is this “new world order” that he is describing ultimately a positive or a negative shift? How?
4. How can we encourage diversity without losing our identity?

**Core Questions**

1. What does Iyer mean when he writes that we live in a “hyphenated world?” (P2)
2. What does Iyer mean by “postnational? “ By the “New World writ large?” (P3)
3. What does he mean that souls are mingling? Why does he chose the word “souls?” (P4)
4. What does Iyer say about the role of the United States? Is it more or less powerful? (P5)
5. What are the implications of Iyer’s assertion that “values are traveling around the world at speed of fax…” (or Snapchat/Twitter/Facebook/etc.)? (P7)
6. Why does he say that the world is “fundamentally recolored?” Why is this important? (P8)
7. What are the benefits and costs of dangers presented by this new world order? (P9)
8. Iyer says that “time accelerates.” Why? Is this ultimately positive or negative? (P11)

**Closing Questions**

1. Would you rather live in a world that is less connected, but in which you have a strong sense of national identity, or a world that is hyper-connected, but in which your identity is diluted? Why?
2. Do you think that your identity has been affected by the processes Iyer is describing? How?
3. How much of a “global village” is Durango?
4. How does this connect to other concepts or texts you’ve studied?