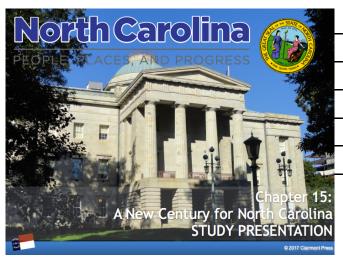
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Section 1: The Impact of Global Change

- ➤ Essential Question:
 - · How did global change impact North Carolina's economy at the beginning of the 21st century?

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- > What terms do I need to know?
 - millennium
 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
 - biotechnology

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- The 21st century brought new people, widespread development, job losses, and new technology to the state
- Traditional industries of the state had to adapt to new conditions or die out
 - Many jobs moved overseas, and many new jobs became available
- State landmarks were altered by new technology—the Cape Hatteras lighthouse was moved inland as erosion shortened the space between it and the sea



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Downward Movement of the Big Three Industries

- Though North Carolina remained the largest textile employer in the nation, textile mills began to close quickly over the following years
- The main problem was global competition
- American tobacco companies agreed to finance a "buyout" of tobacco allotments, and thousands agreed to stop growing tobacco for a living by 2007
- > Though far fewer Americans smoke, cigarette factories still operated in the state
- Many furniture factories closed in the early 21st century, but some remained by customizing their products for certain markets



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North Carolina's Move to High-Tech Jobs

- Employment remained high despite the loss of traditional manufacturing jobs because of the development of new types of work, like banking
- Charlotte became a world financial leader as the headquarters of both Wachovia and Bank of America
- Telecommunication companies concentrated many of their operations in North Carolina
- The state became a leader in biotechnology, the use of living organisms to make or modify products
- NASCAR grew even more high tech and was increasingly concentrated in North Carolina

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Newcomers to the State Thousands of people from outside the U.S. moved to	
 Thousands of people from outside the U.S. moved to North Carolina in the 21st century North Carolina had the fastest rate of growth of immigrants from Mexico, Central America, and the Dominican Republic in the nation Latinos came to the state for economic opportunities, and increasingly created new jobs themselves as more immigrants moved to the state 	
 All immigrants in North Carolina brought elements of their home cultures with them Many retired Americans from other states also moved to the state for lower real estate prices 	
"The Most Military Friendly State"	
After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, North Carolina played a significant role in the "war on terror"	
 The state's military bases were central to the American mission during Operation Iraqi Freedom as well 	
Thousands of soldiers from the state's military bases served overseas during this period	
 In 2010, soldiers from Fort Bragg were sent to Haiti to help victims of a devastating earthquake The war on terror helped create jobs in North Carolina after 2003 on and off the military bases 	
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Essential Question:In what ways have North Carolina	
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 North Carolinians in the early 21st century were concerned with their identity as a state and what their state would be like as it went through global changes For many residents of the state, old habits and new tastes could be combined 	
Farming Innovations	
Farming Innovations ➤ State residents adapted old traditions to find a niche (a specialized market) in global marketplace ➤ North Carolina continued to be the 2nd-largest producer of Christmas trees in the U.S. ➤ Wineries opened along the Yadkin River by 2013 ➤ The Maple Hill Farm bottled its own milk for local markets and its ice cream shop became known as one of the best in the country ➤ State farmers turned to organic farming, using no industrial fertilizers or pesticides and selling their produce at local farmers' markets	

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Industrial Adaptations	
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 Traditional industry was also adapting Winston-Salem plant began to produce 	
Winston-Salem plant began to produce "wearable electronics," specialized clothing for extreme conditions	
Some turned old cotton mills into apartments as the population of the state increased	
 International companies continued to innovate with new technologies 	
Established North Carolina firms like Food	
Lion opened new stores under the name Bloom, selling ready-made packaged foods	
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Community Revitalization	
➤ Communities took advantage of global possibilities to	
 strengthen their assets New housing built in downtowns helped revive the cores of major cities in the early 2000s 	
 The Main Street program helped smaller towns to attract business and cultural destinations like 	
museums As older towns lost businesses, people turned them into entertainment destinations, and newer.	
traditional ideas	
Communities attempted to stem the tide of uncontrolled development like urban sprawl	
 Coastal residents formed "Down East Tomorrow" to preserve the coastal ecosystem from development 	
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Introduc	tion	 	
The Great Recession was an from 2008-2011 that rivaled	economic slowdown	 	
It was primarily caused by the credit given by banks as mor subprime loans, meaning it v	ne overextension of		
would be paid back Two similarities of the Great Great Depression: Leading up the collapse, r		 	
 Leading up the collapse, if the banking system could harming consumers and cited the collapse. 	h times was fear that not continue without		
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The Local Impact of a National Slump

- > During the worst years, the state's Gross Domestic Product
- was half what it was during the 1990s

 North Carolina was 6th in the nation for number of jobs lost

 Underemployment was higher in 2015 than in 2011 (when people are employed less than full-time or in jobs that don't match their training or meet their needs)

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- North Carolina's rise to a world banking center made it a likely victim of the recession
 In 2008, Wells Fargo bought Wachovia and restored operations
 The state government struggled to make ends meet with a huge shortfall in tax money
 In 2011, the state started the North Carolina Virtual Public School where classes were taken online and expanded Pre-K programs



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	New Debates
>	For most of the 20th century, North Carolina was proud of their balance of liberal aspirations and conservative approaches
>	Between 2008-2013 the state tilted in a conservative direction, caused by loss of economic security during the Great Recession and the Tea Party movement, which called for a reduced role of government at all levels
	Republicans argued that the Democrats hadn't managed the state's money and other resources during the Great Recession Cut taxes on all citizens and most companies cut government
>	programs in many areas, and took steps to oppose changes in social values that accompanied globalization, technology, and immigration Residents who disagreed joined the Moral Monday movement and walked the hallways of the state legislature building to call attention
	to their grievances
	Pattern of division changed; Republican leaders lived in the exurbs, outlying areas around cities, while Democrats tended to live in the revitalized cores of the cities

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