



A Model of Change

Teach the Future

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Background

The future is about change just like biology is about living things and physics is about material things. As a result, we need to understand change in order to understand the future. The first thing people do when they want to understand something new is to see how many different kinds there are. That's why early biologists went out into the meadows and gathered up the grasses, the flowers, and the insects so they could create categories. This lesson does exactly that for change. How can we describe the different types of change that influence the future?

Objectives

1. Identify the types of change and some of the changes going on today.
2. Learn an overall model of social change.

Preparation

1. Watch: [A Day Made of Glass](#). List what you notice is different in the video compared to how things are today:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. View the [Did You Know?](#) video on YouTube. How many of these things will affect your life in the future?

3. Read Bishop's [Theory of Change](#) paper.
4. Read the [Era Analysis](#) paper.
5. Read Curry & Hodgon's paper on [Three Horizons](#)

Review a few of the following lists of major changes going on today by different organizations-

- a. [BusinessInsider](#), 6 Gamechangers
- b. [Forbes](#), 5/12/14
- c. [Global Trends 2025](#), National Intelligence Council.
- d. [KPMG](#), Global Megatrends
- e. [Millennium Project](#), 15 Global Challenges
- f. [Price Waterhouse Coopers](#), Global Annual Review 2014
- g. [Top 10 Forecasts](#), World Futures Society