

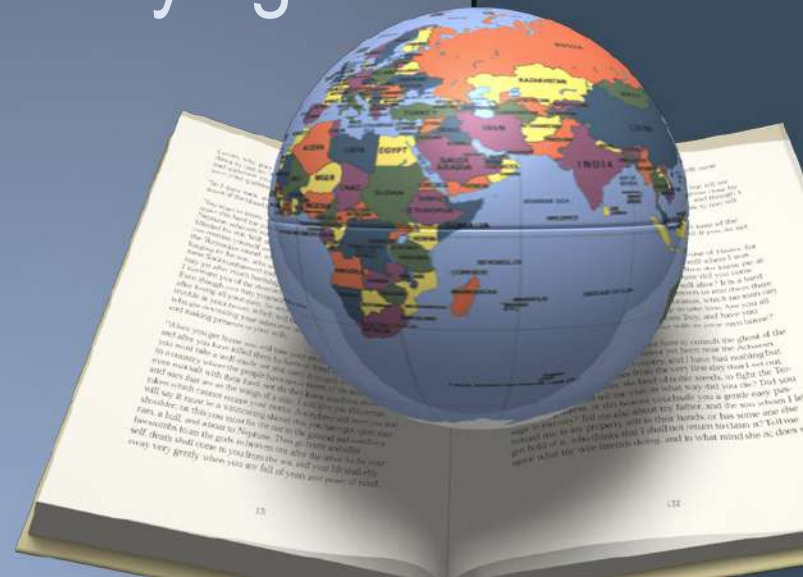
Foreign Words & Phrases

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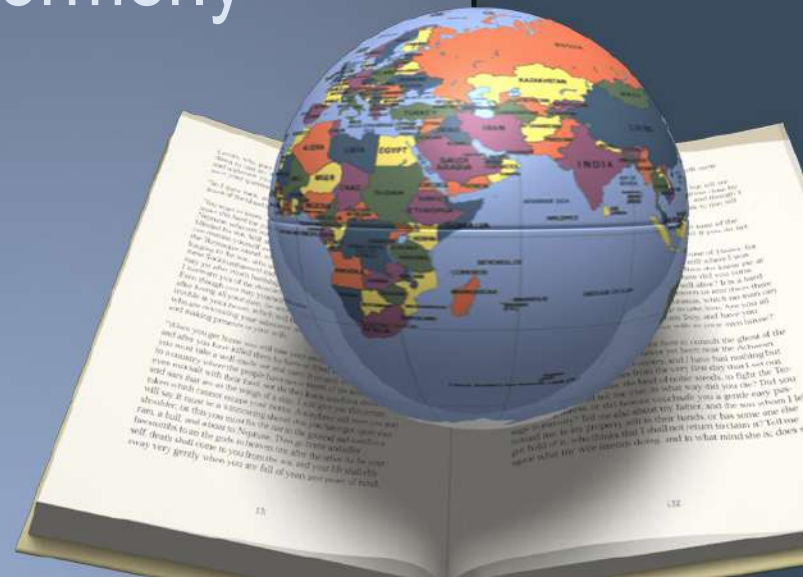
Ad nauseam

- Add NOZZ-ee-um
- (Latin) to an extreme or annoying extent



Alma mater

- ALL-muh MA-turr
- (Latin) - the school, college, or university that somebody formerly attended; a song used as the anthem of a school, college, or university



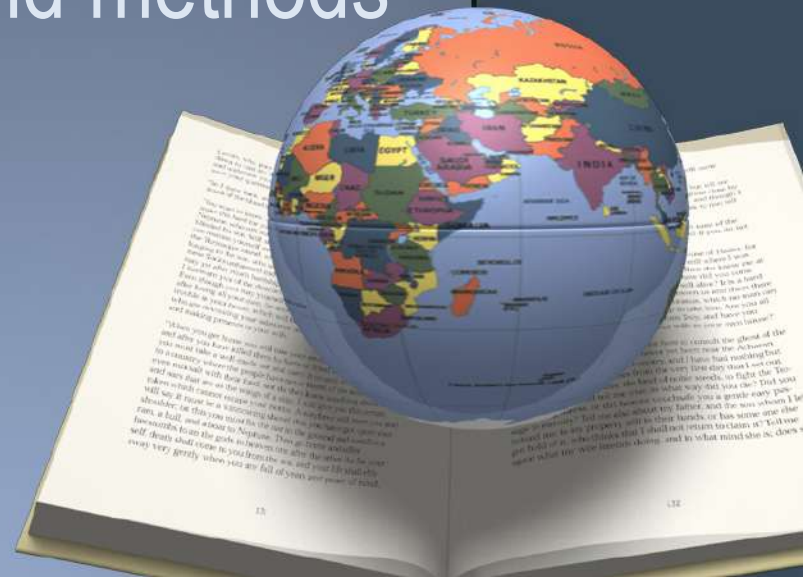
Alpha & omega

- AL-fuh and o-MEG-uh
- (Greek) - the beginning and the end; the most important part
- Often used as a Biblical allusion



Avant-garde

- A-vonnt guard
- (French) - artistically new, or a person with new ideas and methods for doing something



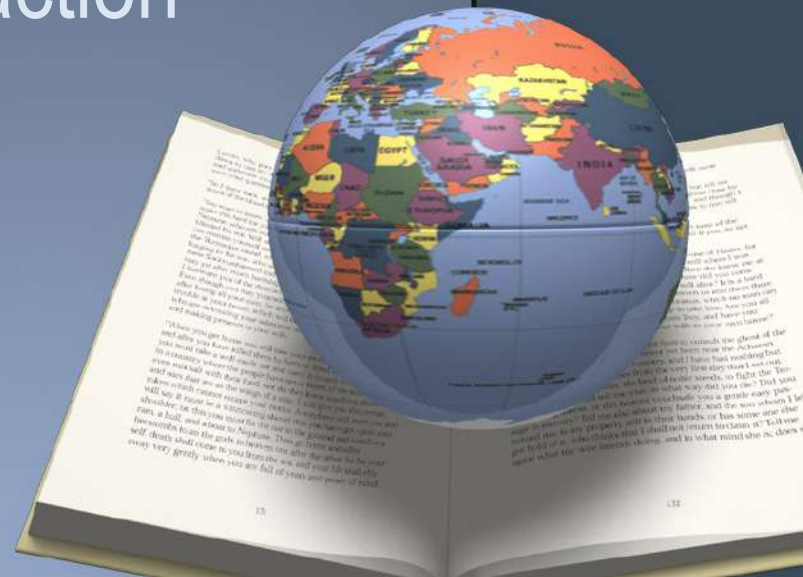
Bon voyage

- Bon voy-AHJ
- (French) - used to wish somebody an enjoyable and safe trip



Carte blanche

- Cart blahnsh
- (French) - free license to do what one wishes; freedom of action



Caveat emptor

- CAVV-ee-ott EMP-tore
- (Latin) - “Buyer Beware;” a warning to a purchaser that he or she can have no recourse to the law if due care is not exercised in making a purchase



Cum laude

- Koom LOUD-ee / Koom LAW-dee
- (Latin) - with academic honors or distinction; also *magna cum laude* (great honors), *summa cum laude* (highest honors)

Déjà vu

- Day-zha voo
- (French) - a feeling of having experienced something before, although in fact it is the first time that it has been experienced; anything that is overly familiar or unoriginal

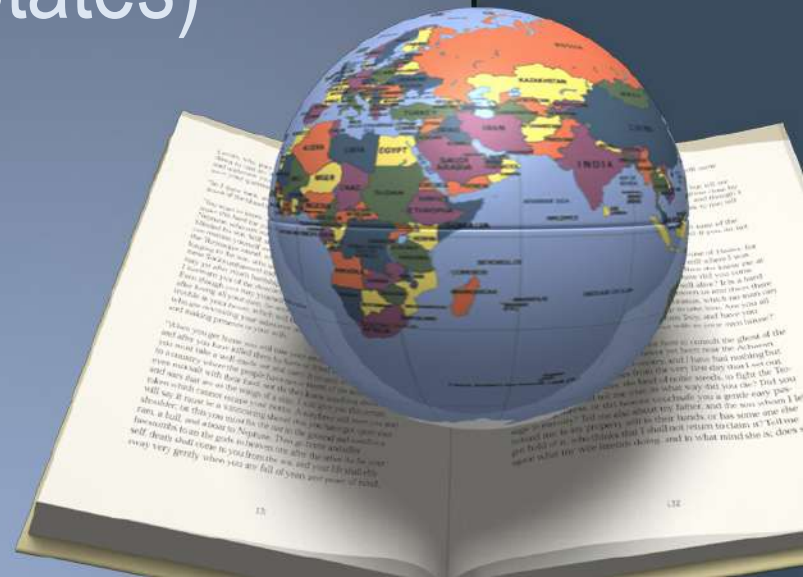
Du jour

- Due Zhoor
- (French) - offered or served today; being the latest in a series, sequence, or trend



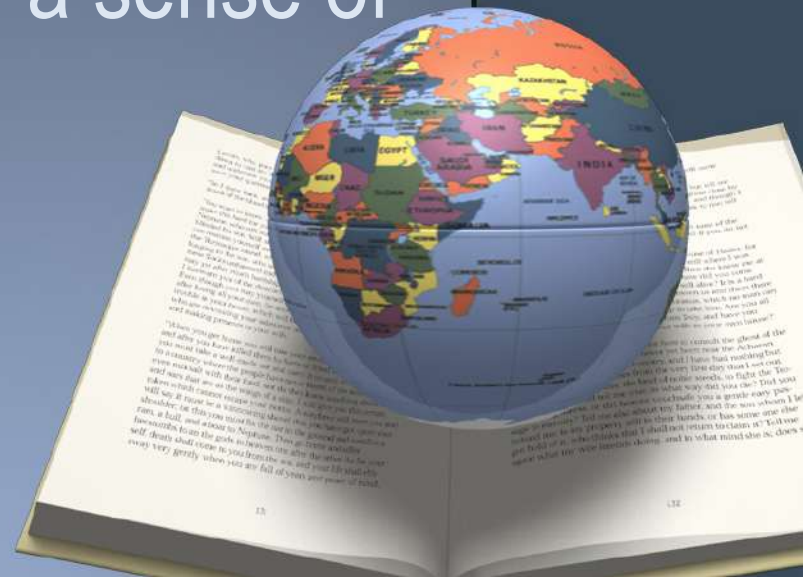
E pluribus unum

- E ploor-i-biss oo-numb
- (Latin) - one out of many (used as the motto of the United States)



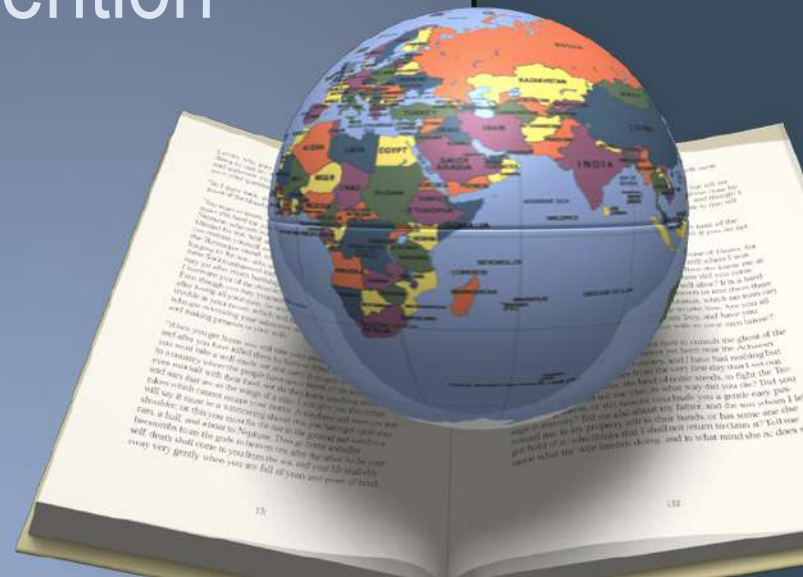
Esprit de corps

- Ess-pree day core
- (French) - a feeling of pride in belonging to a group and a sense of identification with it; team spirit



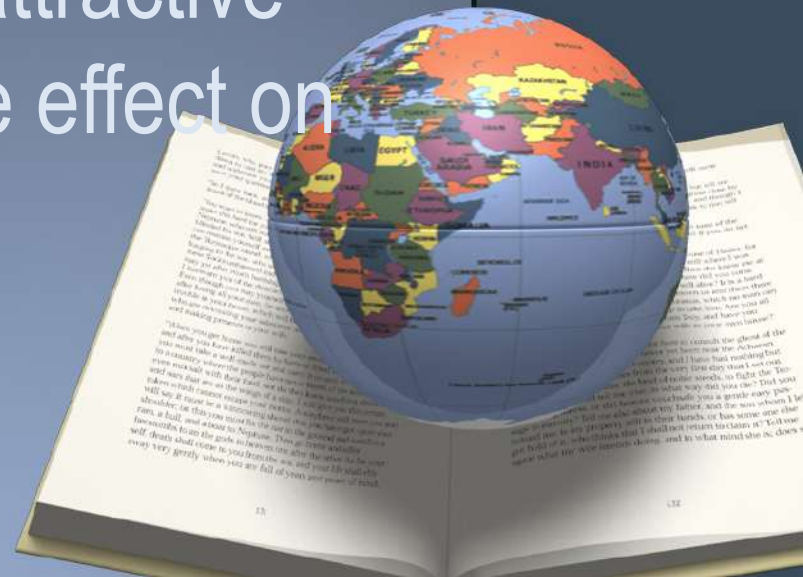
Faux pas

- Foe PAW
- (French) - an embarrassing mistake that breaks a social convention



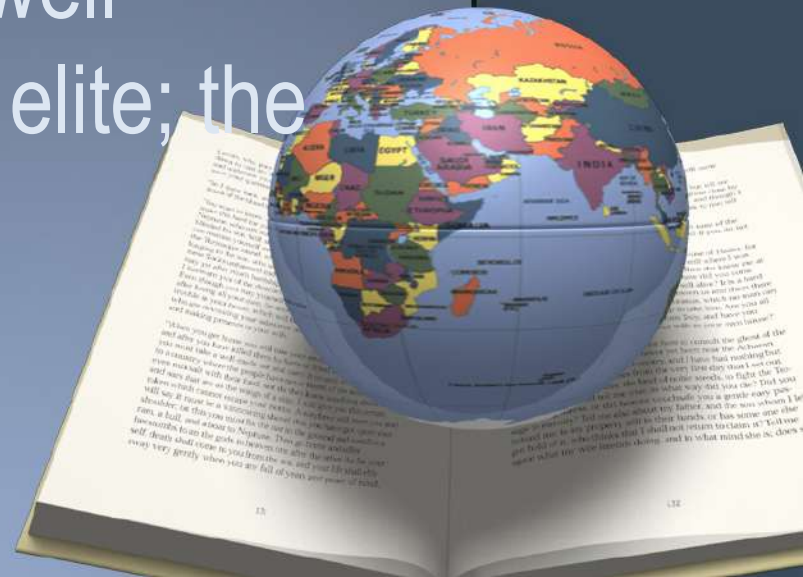
Femme fatale

- Fimm fa-tall
- (French) - a woman who is considered to be highly attractive and to have a destructive effect on those who succumb to her charms



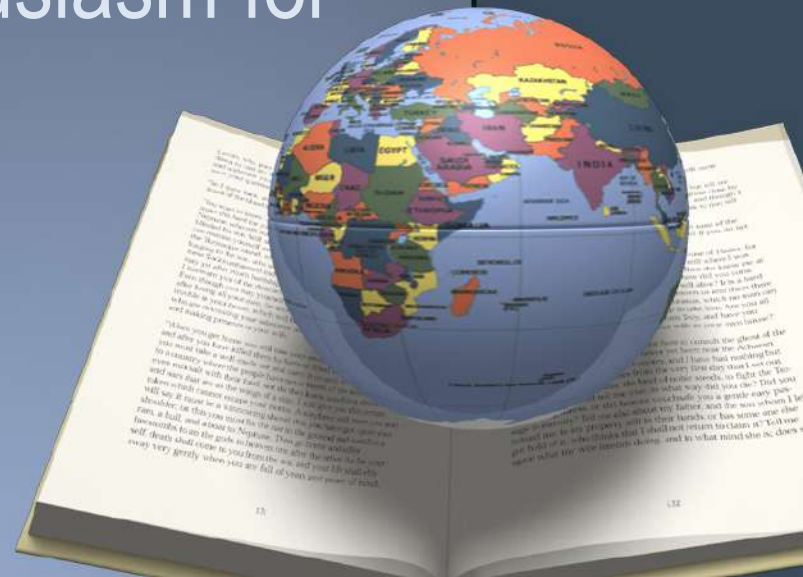
Hoi polloi

- Hoy poll-oy
- (Greek) - ordinary people, as opposed to the wealthy, well-educated, and cultivated elite; the common herd; the masses



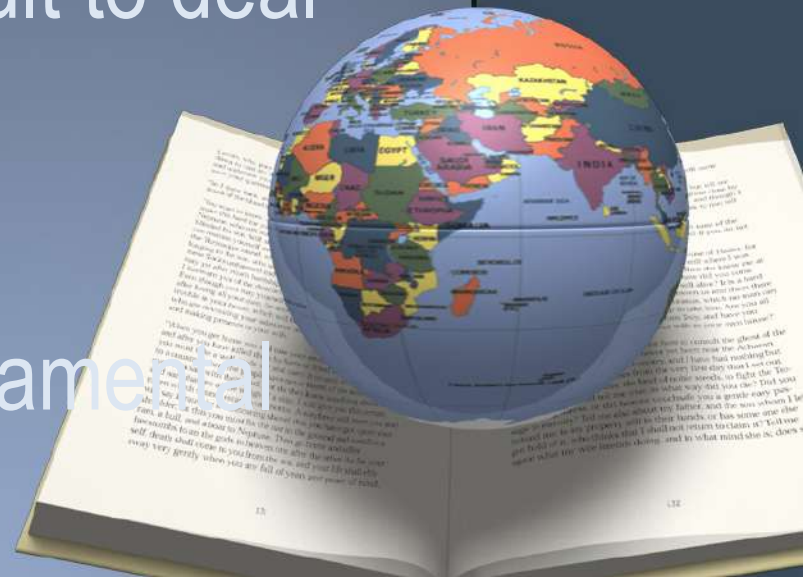
Joie de vivre

- Zhwahdayvee-vrah
- (French) - exuberance; energy and love of life; general enthusiasm for living



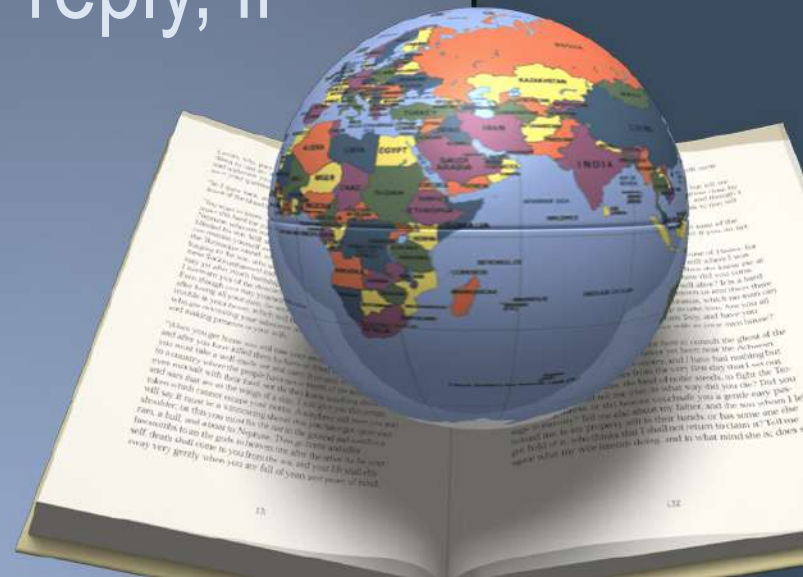
Prima donna

- Pree-muh Donna
- (Italian) - lead female opera singer, or someone who is difficult to deal with;
- someone who is vain, over-sensitive, or temperamental



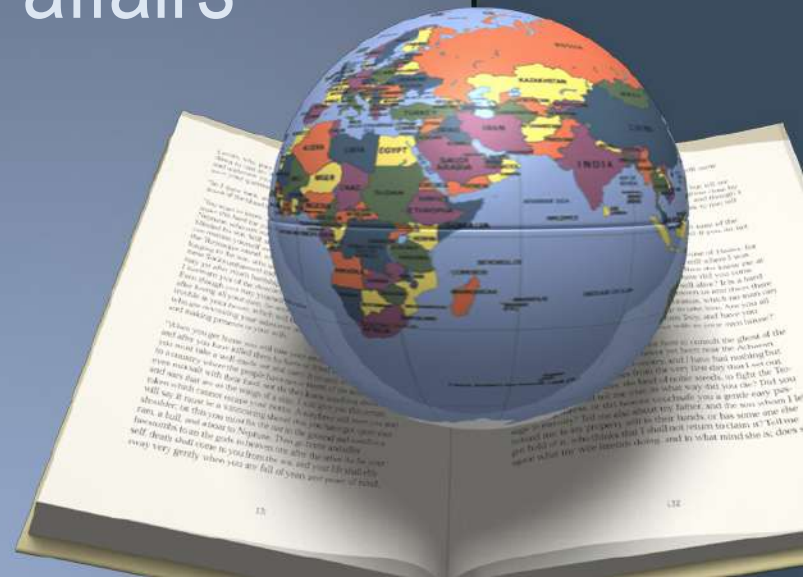
RSVP

- Are Ess Vee Pee
- (French) - used on an invitation to request a response to it; “reply, if you please”



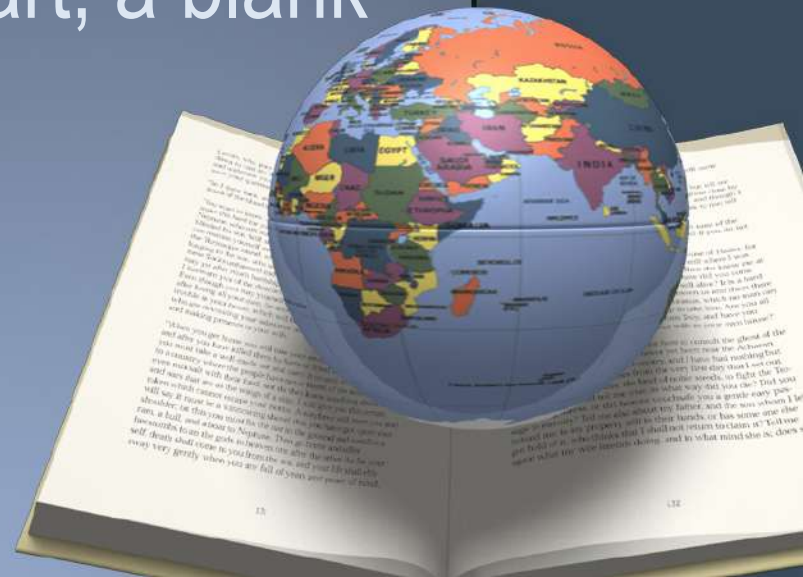
Status quo

- Statt-us kwo
- (Latin) - the way things are right now; the existing state of affairs



Tabula rasa

- Tab-you-la rah-suh
- (Latin) - an opportunity to make a clean break or a fresh start; a blank mind or anything in a pristine state



Verbatim

- Vurr-BAY-tum
- (Latin) - word for word with something else; in the exact words