Industry – Issue 02: Causes for diverging distributions

1. Which situation factors contributed to the distribution of the copper and steel industries in the U.S.?

2. Which industries typically need to be close to the consumers of their products, and why?

3. Why does the cost of transportation change with the distance over which goods are being sent?

4. What are break-of-bulk points? Provide examples (four to five) of local break-of-bulk points and explain what role they play in the national, regional, and global pattern of trade.