League of Nations and the United Nations
Compare and Contrast Graphic Organizer

Directions: Place the characteristics or descriptions below in the proper place in the graphic organizer – either in the League of Nations, Both (Similarities), or United Nations. The list is NOT chronological. You may shorten the characteristics when placing them in the graphic organizer.

a. global, multinational organization
b. isolationist U.S. did not join
c. new British and French "mandates" (colonies/peripheries) established from Ottoman Empire
d. Universal Declaration of Human Rights built on western Enlightenment ideals, but applied
      in principal to all peoples and states – implicitly condemned western imperialism
e. created tension between national sovereignty (independent state actions) and international
      cooperation
f. first use of peacekeepers and refugee camps after Israel independence
g. seriously weakened by lack of enforcement mechanism in reaction to military aggression by
      Japan against N.E. China (Manchuria) and Italy against Ethiopia
h. Japan, Italy, and Germany left when criticized for military aggression
i. established after a world war to prevent future wars between states (countries)
j. lost credibility when peacekeepers did not effectively resist genocides in Bosnia and Rwanda
k. International Criminal Court formed to bring alleged genocidal dictators to trial
l. 66 peacekeeping missions in its history, 2,918 peacekeepers killed in missions
m. U.S. and U.S.S.R. vetoes supporting allies prevented effective Security Council actions during
      Cold War
n. General Assembly Millennium Summit supported sustainable development and ending world
      poverty as highest priorities
o. included five "great powers" with Security Council vetoes for pragmatic effectiveness
p. General Assembly and Security Council actions required unanimous votes
q. focused on peaceful, international cooperation rather than great power alliances
r. Security Council decisions binding on all member states (agreed to before states join)
s. U.S.S.R. prevented from joining, initially

Analysis Questions
1. What adjustments and changes from the League of Nations did the United Nations make, based
      on weaknesses and failures of the League?
2. How effective do you think those U.N. changes have been?

APWH Concept 6.3.2
States, communities, and individuals became increasingly interdependent – facilitated by the growth of global, cooperative organizations.
      A. New international organizations formed to maintain world peace and to facilitate and encourage
      international cooperation.
            <u>One</u> example: League of Nations, United Nations, OR the International Criminal Court