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It can be seen that significant texts from anytime have been formed from particular ways of thinking and express particular concerns. Depending on the ~~relevance~~ of themes and concerns within the text will determine whether they possess an enduring relevance. 'The Shipping News' written by E Annie Proulx, 'Lost in Translation' directed by Sofia Coppola and the essay 'Globalisation: A threat to Australian Culture' ~~are~~ by Johnathon Pickering are all examples of texts that will support ~~to~~ the above thesis.

The enduring relevance and textual value of a work is determined by its ability to address the concerns of the time period that it is being studied. Globalisation is a theme that was frequently explored within the module and this theme will have resounding relevance due to the changing world. 'The Shipping News' is set in Nova Scotia or more specifically, Killook-Claw, it raises concerns about the way that

globalisation affects people and tradition. For example Quoye finds himself struggling to live in the ~~frantic~~ and ~~frantic~~ impersonal Mockingburg. His unhappiness in such an environment is supported by the reference to his obesity and grotesque facial features and his openly unfaithful wife. Proulx uses this to demonstrate some negative aspects of globalisation. This text has had, and will continue to have relevance because it not only ~~a~~ addresses globalisation, but the effect it has on the human being, something which people from any time period will be able to connect with.

"Lost in Translation" is a film that also explores the effects of globalisation but also how ~~a~~ people are affected. Bob Harris is in fact "Lost" in an emotional sense as he has sold out as an actor to making commercials and is coming to terms with his life. Bob's confusion ~~within this~~ and the sense of him being "Lost" is heightened by the various scenes within the movie.

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For example ~~very~~ typically 'Western' scenes such as the gaming arcade or strip club are juxtaposed with more traditional Japanese scenes such as flower arranging or the chanting monks in the temple. ~~Bob's only connection within~~ the Coppola has made 'Lost in Translation' more than just a movie that addresses a particular way of thinking, in this case globalisation by ~~address~~ addressing other themes that will possess enduring relevance. The essay by Johnathon Pickering is extremely relevant to today's society as it shows how globalisation can affect Australian culture. Pickering makes the particular point of hamburgers at global fast-food chains being named McOz or Aussie burger etc because they contain beetroot. ~~A~~ Australian 'culture' (e.g Beetroot) is being sold out to the pressures of globalisation. He also makes the point that the beetroot that goes on these burgers within Australia is mainly imported, another concern about globalisation. It can be argued that the relevance of

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This text may be limited because it focuses solely on globalisation. In the future, possibly when the globe has become one uniform culture this essay and some aspects of it will have no relevance. This text is an example of having relevance to the particular ways of thinking in its time but not possessing an enduring relevance.

'The Shipping News' and 'Costs in Translation'

~~These texts~~  
'Lost in Translation' shows how aspects of the Navigating the Global Module affect people and their relationships. This gives these texts enduring relevance as they ~~will~~ ~~continually~~ will always be able to be related to.

In 'Lost in Translation' Bob forms a relationship with another guest at his motel. Charlotte is also lost within the mesh of cultures in Tokyo and they connect with each other. Bob's relationship with his wife is ~~eventually~~ shown to be distant as he communicates with her via telephone or fax. This causes Bob and Charlotte, an unlikely



pair to form a relationship due to their isolation from everything else. This also leads into the argument that technological advancement is too quick for humans to adjust, which will of course continually have relevance within the changing world that we live.

Relationships between people will always be relevant, regardless of ~~what~~ <sup>the</sup> time period. 'The Shipping News' will therefore continue to have value through the way it addresses the contrasting relationships that Quoye has.

In Mockingburg Quoye doesn't have any friends, doesn't know most of his colleagues and has an ~~an~~ unhealthy relationship with his unfaithful wife. All of this is within a setting highly effected by globalisation. When Quoye moves to Killock-Claw he makes friends at his office and finds a girlfriend who he eventually marries. Proulx is demonstrating her concern for the way that ~~the~~ globalisation affects people and their environment.

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An enduring relevance is determined by the ability of a text to address particular ways of thinking of their own time and themes and concerns ~~of~~ ~~the~~ that will be relevant in the future.

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