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Program Description:

In today's world, countries around the world are linked together in many different ways - through the internet, email, television, the telephone, cell phones, magazines, newspapers, sporting events and travel. Another very important link is through TRADE. **Trade is the buying, selling and exchanging of goods and services.** Trade takes place between individuals, businesses, cities, provinces and countries.

In this 18 minute video, we are going to explore Canada's link to other countries, focusing on our trading relationships. We will also examine some of Canada's most important trading partners, with three bonus five to six minute segments on China, Mexico and the United States. These segments present a brief overview of the location, climate, geographic features, culture and trading relationships found in these countries.

In addition, students are given an overview of the history of trade in Canada beginning with the aboriginal people and early explorers. Topics such as the fur trade, early immigration and the building of early transportation systems are discussed.

In this package, you will receive:

- One 18-minute video - Canada's Links to the World: Canada and Its Trading Partners
- Three 5 to 6 minute segments - China, Mexico and The United States
- 10-question Video Quiz
- Teacher's Guide
- Reproducible Student Worksheets

After viewing the video, students will be able to:

- Identify some countries with which Canada shares links
- Identify products that Canada imports and exports
- Identify and describe Canada's economic, political, social and physical links to the United States and other regions of the world
- Identify the countries to which Canada exports goods
- Identify the countries to which Canada imports goods
- Identify important international organizations/agreements in which Canada participates and describe their purpose
- Identify Canada's connections with the United States through the media, trade, immigration, culture, technology, tourism, history and geography
- Explain the role of barter, trade and sharing in Canada and the Pacific Rim countries
- Describe the ongoing trade that was established between Aboriginal people and explorers.

VOCABULARY

ABORIGINAL – The original inhabitants of a country.

APEC - The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation is an association of 21 nations whose purpose is to enhance economic growth and prosperity in the region and to strengthen the Asia-Pacific community.

BALANCE OF TRADE - A country's exports minus its imports.

BARTER – Trading by exchanging of one kind of good or service for another.

COMMODITY – An article or item that is bought or sold.

COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS - A group of nations whose goal is to promote human rights, democracy and economic development. The British monarch is the symbolic head of the Commonwealth.

DEMAND – What people want or need.

ECONOMY – The changing wealth of a country which comes from the production, distribution, and use of goods and services.

EU – The European Union is a group of countries in Europe that have joined together to form a “trading bloc”.

EXPORT – Products or services that are sold to another country.

GOOD – Something you can use or consume, like food, a CD, books, a car or clothes.

IMMIGRATION – Moving or coming to another country to live.

IMPORT – Goods and services brought into a country.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE – The various countries that one country trades or interacts with.

LA FRANCOPHONIE - The International Organization of the Francophonie is an association of French-speaking countries of the world.

MANUFACTURED GOODS – Items that are made from raw materials.

MEMBERSHIP – To belong to a specific group based on common beliefs and goals.

NAFTA – North American Free Trade Agreement.

PACIFIC RIM - Refers to the countries and cities located around the edge of the Pacific Ocean.

SERVICE – Something that someone does for you, like giving you a haircut or fixing your car.

SUPPLY – How much of a product (good) or service is available.

TARIFF – Taxes paid on goods and services that come into a country.

TRADE – The buying, selling and exchanging of goods and services.

TRADING PARTNERS – Individuals, companies or countries that trade with one another.

TRADE BARRIER - A general term that describes any government policy or regulation that restricts international trade.

TRADE DEFICIT - When a country's imports exceed or are greater than its exports.

TRADE SURPLUS - When a country's exports exceed or are greater than its imports.

TRADING PARTNER - One of the two or more participants in an ongoing business relationship.

WTO - The World Trade Organization is the only international body dealing with the rules of trade between nations.

ACTIVITY #1 - What did you learn?

After watching the video *Canada Links to the World*, answer the following questions.

1. Who is Canada's largest trading partner? _____

2. List three reasons in point form why the country in Question #1 is our largest trading partner?

3. Name five of Canada's other trading partners?

4. What products does Canada import? _____

5. What products does Canada export? _____

6. Why does trade occur? _____

7. What is NAFTA and what three countries belong to it? _____

8. What did Canada's aboriginal peoples trade with the early settlers? _____

ACTIVITY #2 - A COMPARISON OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS - A POST VIDEO VIEWING ACTIVITY

After or during the viewing of the video, *Canada's Links to the World*, fill in the chart below.

Trading Country	Canada's IMPORTS	Canada's EXPORTS
The United States		
China		
Mexico		

ACTIVITY #3 - A COMPARISON OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS - A POST VIDEO VIEWING ACTIVITY

After or during the viewing of the video, *Canada's Links to the World*, fill in the chart below.

	CANADA	CHINA	MEXICO	THE UNITED STATES
Capital City				
Population				
Land mass (in km)				
Type of Government				
Language(s) Spoken				
Climate				
Type of Manufactured Goods				
Natural Resources				
Trading Partners				

ACTIVITY #4 - A COMPARISON OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS - A POST VIDEO VIEWING ACTIVITY

After completing the chart on page 5, complete the following activities and questions.

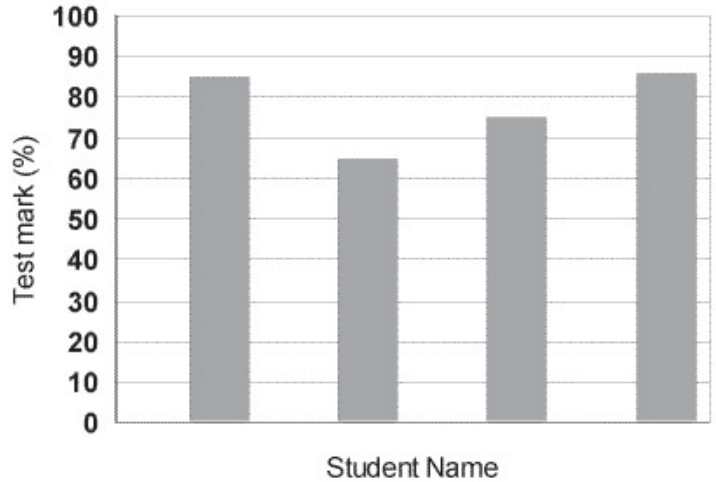
1. A bar graph is a visual display used to compare data. This type of display allows you to:

- compare groups of data, and
- to make generalizations about the data quickly.

Compare the populations of Canada, China, Mexico and the United States by drawing a bar graph.

Now compare the population of each of these countries with its land mass. Using simple division, divide the population by the land mass to give you the population density of each country.

Student Test Marks



2. A government is the machinery set up by individuals to enable them to do what others cannot do on their own. Without some form of government, there would be no order or protection for people or their property. A government makes laws that offer this protection. There are many different types of government around the world. After viewing *Canada's Links to the World* and using various websites, write a brief paragraph outlining the various types of government listed in your chart on page 5. List their current head of state (example: Prime Minister, President), how the government is structured, and how it is chosen.

Canada

Type of Government: _____

Brief paragraph: _____

China

Type of Government: _____

Brief paragraph: _____

Mexico

Type of Government: _____

Brief paragraph: _____

The United States

Type of Government: _____

Brief paragraph: _____

ACTIVITY #5 - EXPLORATION OF A TRADING PARTNER

Choose a country with which Canada trades (other than China, Mexico and the United States) or may trade with in the future. Using the internet, an atlas, and other reference materials, research this country and what kind of trade relationship Canada has or could have with it.

In print form, list important information about the country you have chosen. Be careful to make sure the data and information you list is current and comes from a reliable source. Some useful websites you can use are:

Information on countries around the world - www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/
 Industry Canada Trade Data Online - <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/tdo-dcd.nsf/eng/Home>

My chosen country is: Canada & _____.

SIZE (LAND MASS in Kilometres)	
POPULATION	
GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	
TYPE OF GOVERNMENT	
PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S) SPOKEN	
LIFESTYLE/CULTURE (Food, Religion, Dress, Holidays)	

TIME ZONE	
CLIMATE	
NATURAL RESOURCES	
MANUFACTURED GOODS	
AGRICULTURAL GOODS	
CURRENT TRADING PARTNERS	
IMPORTS	
EXPORTS	

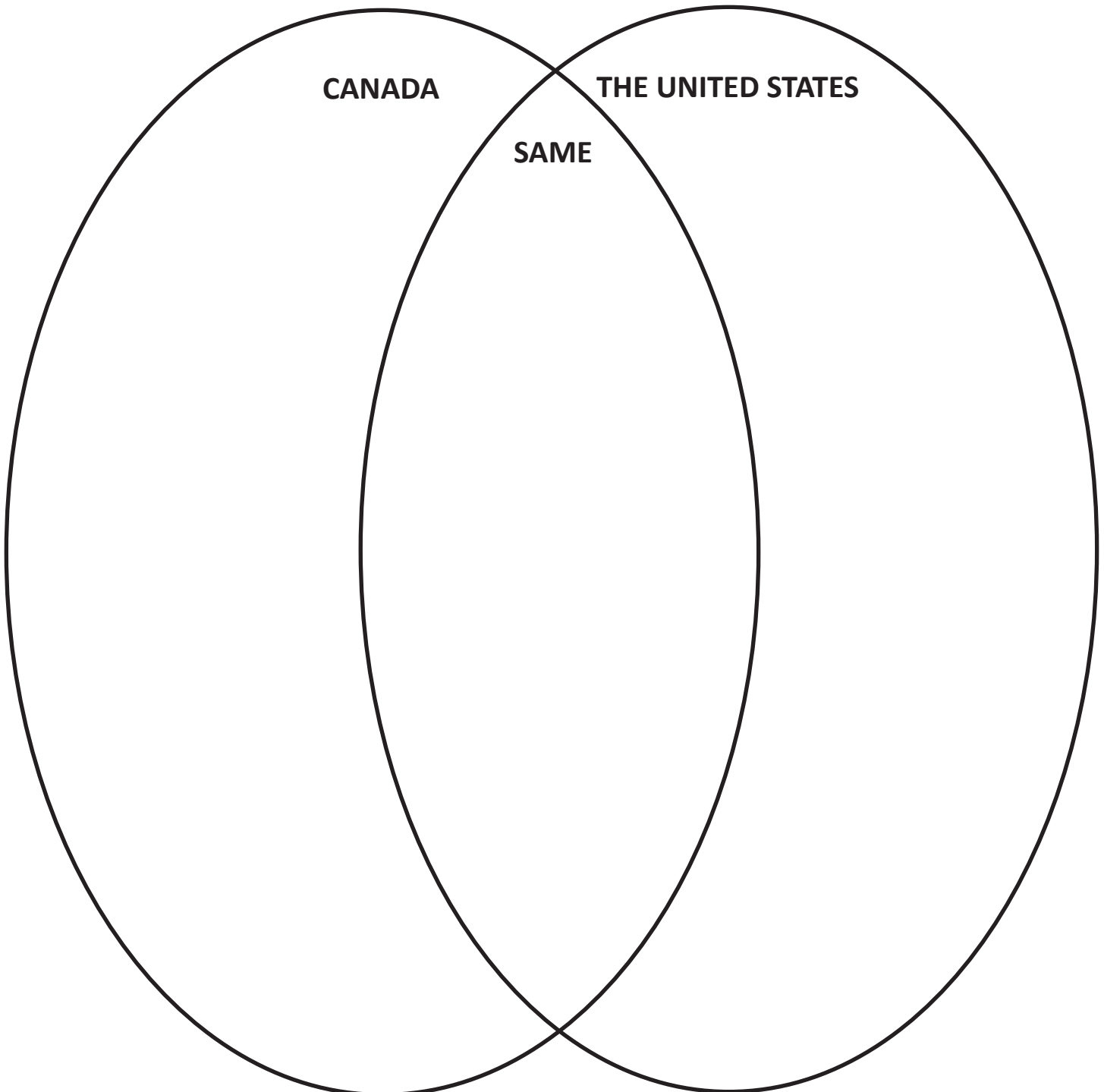
ACTIVITY #6 - IDENTIFYING OUR TRADING PARTNERS

After viewing the video, Canada's Links to the World, and using various internet resources and an atlas, identify Canada's Top 10 trading partners. Shade each country a different colour and attach a legend identifying the country each colour represents.



ACTIVITY #7 - CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Canada and the United States share the world's largest undefended border. We are friends and neighbours. Our proximity to one another leads to many similarities. At the same time, there are several factors that make our countries two distinct societies. After viewing the video **Canada's Links to the World**, complete the Venn Diagram below listing similarities and differences between the two countries.



ACTIVITY #8 - TIME ZONES

For trade to happen, it is very important to know which time zone the country you are dealing with is in. *You don't want to be calling someone at 3:30 a.m. when they are sound asleep!*

A time zone is a region of the earth that has uniform standard time, usually referred to as the local time. The earth is divided into 24 longitudinal divisions, each one being 15 degrees. Refer to the following website to see a map of the world's time zones: www.worldtimezone.com/index24.html

Using this map, answer the following questions in sentence form:

1. How many time zones are there in Canada? _____

2. If it is 12 noon in Vancouver, BC, what time is it in Halifax, NS? _____

3. How many time zones are there between Ottawa, ON and India? _____

4. If it is 8:00 a.m. in Saskatoon, SK, what time is it in London, England? _____

5. If you are travelling from Manitoba to Germany, do you "lose" time or "gain" time? _____

6. You're going on a trip! You leave from the airport nearest your home. You leave at 7:30 a.m. What time do you arrive in Paris? Remember, you have to research the length of the flight (in hours) from your place of departure to Paris.

WEB RESOURCES

ATLAPEDIA ONLINE

www.atlapedia.com/online/country_index.htm

A combination atlas and encyclopedia, this site has the countries of the world with their major trading partners, imports, exports and other useful information.

CANADA INFOLINK - CANADA'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

www.canadainfolink.ca/charteleven.htm

STATISTICS CANADA

www40.statcan.ca/l01/ind01/l2_1130.htm

Canadian imports and exports by country; exported goods by product and imported goods by product.

STATISTICS CANADA LESSON PLAN FOR TEACHERS

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/kits-trousses/trade-commerce/trade-commerce1-eng.htm>

Helps teachers identify the relationship between Canada and its trading partners.

TRADE DATA ONLINE

www.ic.gc.ca/sc_mrkti/tdst/engdoc/tr_homep.html

Allows you to generate customized reports on Canadian and U.S. trade with over 200 countries.

THE WORLD CLOCK - TIME ZONES

www.timeanddate.com/worldclock

THE WORLD FACT BOOK

www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html

The CIA World Fact Book provides descriptive and statistical information about Canada and other countries in the world.

WORLD TIME ZONES

www.worldtimezone.com/index24.html

