**Trade Activity – Why do Countries Trade?**

**Directions: Students will work in groups of three or four depending on class size. Students each have a description of their country and what resources they have and what resources they need. Students will use the tracking sheet in order to keep track of what they have received from other countries and what they still need to get. Students are not able to trade with all of the countries.**

*(Teacher directions): This game takes place in three rounds. In round 1, students are only allowed to trade with the half of the room that they are seated on. In round 2, they can trade with everyone, but remind them that they cannot trade with the countries they are at war with or boycotting. In round 3, all countries are allowed to trade.*

*Debriefing questions are listed on the student worksheet.*

**Country Descriptions:**

**Country A**: You are one of the wealthiest countries in the world. You have

many of the resources you need in your country. However, there are still

natural resources and items that you cannot mine or grow within your

country so you must trade with other countries to gain these resources.

You HAVE cotton, coal, cattle, and fish to trade. You NEED crude oil,

coffee and rice in order for your country to have everything that it

needs. You cannot trade with country B because you are at war. This means

that you also cannot trade with country F because they are trade partners

with Country B. YOU MUST TRADE WITH THREE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

**Country B:** You are one of the wealthiest countries in the world. You have

many of the resources you need in your country. However, there are still

natural resources and items that you cannot mine or grow within your

country so you must trade with other countries to gain these resources.

You HAVE crude oil, cotton, cattle and fish that you are able to trade.

You NEED coal, rice and coffee in order to have everything that you need.

You cannot trade with Country A because you are at war with them. You also

cannot trade with Country G because they are allied with Country A. YOU

MUST TRADE WITH THREE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

**Country C:** You are a well off country. You have many of the resources you

need in your country. However, there are still natural resources and items

that you cannot mine or grow within your country so you must trade with

other countries to gain these resources. You HAVE coal, rice, fish and

coffee to trade. You NEED cotton, crude oil and cattle. You cannot trade

with Countries D or E because you have placed many trade sanctions on your

goods and they are boycotting trade with you. YOU MUST TRADE WITH AT

LEAST THREE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

**Country D:** You are a well off country. You have many of the resources you

need in your country. However, there are still natural resources and items

that you cannot mine or grow within your country so you must trade with

other countries to gain these resources. You HAVE cotton, cattle, rice and

crude oil to trade. You NEED coffee, fish and coal. You cannot trade with

country C because they have placed many trade sanctions on your good. YOU

MUST TRADE WITH AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

**Country E:** Your country is slightly poor. You have some of the resources

that you need in order to survive, but you have to trade for the majority

of resources that you will need to help your country thrive. You HAVE

cotton, coal and cattle. You NEED coffee, rice, crude oil and fish. You

cannot trade with Country C because they have placed many trade sanctions

on your goods. YOU MUST TRADE WITH AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

**Country F:** You are a relatively poor country. You have some of the

resources that you need in order to survive, but you have to trade for the

majority of resources that you will need to help your country thrive. You

HAVE coffee and coal. You NEED cattle, oil, rice and fish. You cannot

trade with country A because of expensive tariffs placed on your goods. YOU MUST TRADE WITH AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

**Country G:** You are a poor country. You HAVE oil reserves and rice. You

NEED to trade your crude oil and rice with other countries for fish, coal,

cotton and cattle in order to help your country thrive. You cannot trade

with Country B because they are enemies with the other countries which you

trade with. YOU MUST TRADE WITH AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

Country Activity Tracking Sheet:

Country Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

People in your group: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What items do you HAVE to trade?

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2. What items do you NEED to trade for?

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3. Who are you not allowed to trade with?

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If you did not get all of the items that you needed to obtain why didn’t you succeed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think that big countries trade with smaller countries? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you think that free trade is a good idea or a bad idea? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Discuss a plan for how countries can implement free trade around the world. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_