

## Chapter 9: United States of America

### Internet Activity

In this lesson, you will learn about N.A.F.T.A., the North America Free Trade Agreement, a trade pact between Canada, Mexico, and the United States. You will learn how the agreement benefits the economy of each country and examine some positive and negative effects of the agreement. You will also learn about NAFTA's replacement, the USMCA Agreement.



### Part 1: Building Background Knowledge

**Directions:** Watch the online presentation found at <http://bit.ly/2OoGGws> and read this article <http://bit.ly/2S64w19> to answer the questions below.

1) Which 3 countries signed NAFTA?

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2) What is free trade? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What effect did NAFTA have on the amount of trade between the three countries?

- a. Positive effect only for Canada
- b. Positive effect for all countries
- c. Negative effect only for the United States
- d. Negative effect for all countries

4) What was one of the pros (positive effects) of NAFTA mentioned in the presentation?

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5) What was one of the cons (negative effects) of NAFTA?

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6) What are *maquiladoras*? \_\_\_\_\_

7) Do you agree that *maquiladoras* are bad for Mexico? Why or why not?

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**Part 2: Evaluating Arguments - Pros and Cons**

Choose 2 of the following 3 articles to read about NAFTA. After reading the arguments, fill out the “Pros and Cons” chart and answer the questions below.

- NAFTA facts (<http://bit.ly/nafta7>) – read the “NAFTA Facts for Kids” section
- The Balance – NAFTA Pros & Cons (<http://bit.ly/nafta9>)
- Simple English Wiki – NAFTA (<http://bit.ly/nafta11>)

<i>Pros (Positive things about NAFTA &amp; USMCA)</i>	<i>Cons (Negative things about NAFTA &amp; USMCA)</i>

Based on the readings, write 3 recommendations to improve USMCA. Give evidence for how your recommendations would help.

Recommendation #1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommendation #2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommendation #3: \_\_\_\_\_

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