

## ROLE PLAYING A GLOBAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

I CAN EXPLAIN HOW PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND INTERDEPENDENCE INCREASE WHEN REGIONS AND NATIONS TRADE WITH EACH OTHER AS A RESULT OF USING COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE.

#### WHAT DO THESE COUNTRIES HAVE IN COMMON?



India

# Germany

#### WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THESE COUNTRIES?



India

# Germany

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES OF THE FIVE LARGEST ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD?

Comparative Advantage: the ability to produce goods and services at a lower opportunity cost than others

What does each country specialize in? What are their strengths? What do they need to trade for?

## TASK: DAY 1

- Read through the summaries of each of the 5 countries - pay particular attention to economic overview and indicators
  - Highlight/underline important information in one color
  - Highlight/underline terms to look up in a second color



#### DAY 2

• What information from the countries summaries did you find important?

• What did you learn from your "research?"

#### TASK #1 - FILL OUT CHART ON PAGE 1

	Economic Indicator	United States	China	Japan	Germany	India
1	GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)					
2	GDP – Composition, by sector of origin	Agriculture: Industry: Services:	Agriculture: Industry: Services:	Agriculture: Industry: Services:	Agriculture: Industry: Services:	Agriculture: Industry: Services:
3	Exports – Partners					
4	Exports – commodities (list at least 3)					
5	Imports – Partners					
6	Imports – commodities (list at least 3)					
7	Your choice:					
8	Your choice:					

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2	GDP – Composition, by sector of origin	Agriculture: .9% Industry: 19.1% Services: 80%	Agriculture: 7.9% Industry: 40.5% Services: 51.6%	Agriculture: 1.1% Industry: 30.1% Services: 68.7%	Agriculture: .7% Industry: 30.7% Services: 68.6%	Agriculture: 15.4% Industry: 23% Services: 61.5%
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#### TASK #2 - FILL OUT FIRST TWO ROWS OF CHART ON PAGE 2

		United States	China	Japan	Germany	India
or conclus	ne observation ion about this economy or					
2 What is an observation about this	on or conclusion					
advantage	comparative ?					
	ht this country iin through					

#### TOMORROW

- 5 groups  $\rightarrow$  each group will represent one country
  - Share data and observations
  - Start to game plan for "Global Economic Summit"

## TASKS FOR DAY 3

- 1. Compare answers for chart on page 2
- 2. Complete chart as a group
- 3. Pick countries and start to plan for summit

		United States	China	Japan	Germany	India
3	What might be this					
	country's					
	comparative					
	advantage?					
4	What might this					
	country seek to gain					
	through trade?					

#### COUNTRY "DRAFT"

Our Country's Goals and Interests

(List at least 3)

**BE SPECIFIC** 

Economic? National Security? Future Development? Improving citizens' utility?

## ROLES FOR THE SUMMIT

- **President** will serve as the "face" of the country and engage with other presidents
- Secretary of State will sign off on any negotiations and create a country symbol
- Trade Ambassadors will engage in specific negotiations to reach a deal with other countries

#### DAY 4 TASKS – SIT AT THE SAME TABLE AS YESTERDAY

- 1. Decide on roles: President, Secretary of State, Trade Ambassadors
- 2. Prepare for summit
  - **President** create and practice 2 minute speech
    - Introduction to your country, it's strengths, and interests
  - Secretary of State create "flag" for your country
    - Name & Symbols of your country
  - Trade Ambassadors strategize for tomorrow (Who will you try to make agreements with? What do you want? What might they want?)
    - Trade Ambassadors will also help with speech and "flag"

#### DAY 5 - GLOBAL SUMMIT!

• Today we will bring the five biggest economies together to discuss agreements for trade and cooperation

 Your country's goal: Create 3 different arrangements with one or more countries to advance your own economic interests, national security interests, and/or your citizens' utility

## GLOBAL SUMMIT

- 1. Each president will open with a speech
- 2. Trade Ambassadors will circle the room to make agreements
  - Presidents and Secretaries of State can also engage in negotiations (will "stay home" while Trade Ambassadors visit with others)
- 3. Secretaries of State will sign off on any agreements
- 4. If you cannot make three agreements, you must enact a trade penalty or sanction on one or more other countries

## GLOBAL SUMMIT AGREEMENTS

Trade & Cooperation Alliance Examples:

- [Country A] will promise to trade \_\_\_\_\_\_ to [Country B]. [Country B] will promise to trade \_\_\_\_\_\_ to [Country A].
- [Country A], [Country B], and [Country C] will not have tariffs/quotas on
- [Country A] will trade \_\_\_\_\_\_ in exchange for [Country B] promising to \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Could be investment or national security related.)
- [Country A], [Country B], and [Country C] agree to \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Could be investment or national security related.)

## FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENTS

If your country cannot reach a mutual agreement with another country, you will enact sanctions on another country (or multiple countries).

- Examples:
  - We will put tariffs/quotas on \_\_\_\_\_\_ from [Country B].
  - We will put [economic sanctions travel bans, asset freezes, arms embargo] on [Country B] and [Country C].

## GLOBAL SUMMIT SCHEDULE

- 1. President's Opening
- 2. 15 minutes of negotiations
- 3. Economic sanctions (if needed)
- 4. Debriefing Questions

## DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

- What points were the easiest upon which to reach an agreement? Why?
- What points were the hardest upon which to reach an agreement? Why?
- What disagreements/disputes remain? Why?
- How did the comparative advantage of each country play into their negotiations?
- What might be some short- or long-term consequences of the agreed upon terms?
- In what ways do you think this simulation would be similar or different to real life trade talks?