

Sample Answers for the Assessment: Canada's Major Trading Partners

Identify Canada's Major Trading Partners:

United States: Canada's largest trading partner, with a significant exchange of goods and services. This relationship is strengthened by the geographical proximity and the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).

China: An important trading partner, primarily involving the export of natural resources and the import of manufactured goods.

Japan: Canada engages in trade with Japan, particularly in the automotive and technology sectors.

United Kingdom: A historic trading partner with ties in various industries, including finance and technology.

Mexico: A significant partner, especially under the CUSMA, with trade in automotive, manufacturing, and agricultural products.

Map Identification:

Students should accurately mark the capital cities of Canada's major trading partners on the map.

Analysis:

Geographical Distribution: Proximity plays a vital role in trade relationships, as seen with the United States. However, Canada's diverse trading partners also span across different continents, reflecting a globalized approach to trade. The Pacific Rim (China and Japan) and the Atlantic (United Kingdom) contribute to this diversity.

Current Events:

Recent Developments: As of [current year], there have been notable shifts in Canada's trade relationships. For instance, trade tensions between the United States and China may impact Canada's export strategies. The emphasis on sustainable and ethical trade practices has become more prominent, influencing partnerships and agreements.

This sample response provides a structured overview of Canada's major trading partners, their characteristics, and factors influencing international trade. Students should expand on these points and provide current and relevant information based on the latest data available.