# Economics Unit 2

#### Notes



# Trade

- A tariff is a tax on imported goods.
- Free Trade refers to convincing countries not to pass laws that block or limit trade.
- North American Free Trade Agreement, (NAFTA) eliminated all trade barriers among the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.
- A country has a trade deficit when the value of the products it imports exceeds the value of the products it exports.

# Trade

• In the United States, only a small percentage of goods produced are exported, or sold to other countries.

- As opposed to imported goods which give Americans access to products they might not have otherwise been able to enjoy.
- In trade, many countries set up a quota, which is a limit placed on the amount of foreign goods imported.

# Trade & Money

• The European Union (EU) allows for free movement of goods, services, and workers among 15 countries in Europe.

Trade Deficit is when a country imports more than it exports.

• When a trade deficit happens, a country might see its currency lose value

### Trade & Money

• The balance of trade is the difference between the value of a nation's exports and its imports.

• The exchange rate is the price of one nation's currency in terms of another nation's currency.

• Comparative Advantage is a country's ability to produce a good at a lower opportunity cost than another country can.

# **Economic Health**

• GDP, Gross Domestic Product, is the measure of the economic output of a country.

• Per capita GDP expresses GDP in terms of each person in a country.

### **Economic Systems**

• In a market economy, private citizens own the factors of production.

• A mixed economy is one that combines the basic elements of a pure market economy and a command economy.

• This is the type we have in the United States.

#### **Economic Systems and Beliefs**

 "The way they have always been done." would be a way to sum up the views of the economy in a traditional economy.

 A command economy is a system in which the major economic decisions are made by the central government.

#### **Economic Systems and Beliefs**

 Socialism is the belief that the means of production should be owned by society, either directly or through the government.

 Communism is the belief in a classless, ungoverned society in which property would all be held in common.