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.