

Economic Understandings

SS6E1 The student will analyze different economic systems.

- Compare how traditional, command, and market, economies answer the economic questions of 1-what to produce, 2-how to produce, and 3-for whom to produce.
- Explain how most countries have a mixed economy located on a continuum between pure market and pure command.
- Compare and contrast the basic types of economic systems found in Canada, Cuba, and Brazil.

Essential Question: How are economic systems different?

a.

System	What is to be produced?	How is it to be produced?	For whom is it produced?
Market			
Command			
Traditional			

b. Why do countries have a mixed economy?

c. How do economic systems in Canada, Cuba, and Brazil compare?

Canada	
Cuba	
Brazil	

SS6E2 The student will give examples of how voluntary trade benefits buyers and sellers in Latin America and the Caribbean and Canada.

- Explain how specialization encourages trade between countries.
- Compare and contrast different types of trade barriers, such as tariffs, quotas, and embargoes.
- Explain the functions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- Explain why international trade requires a system for exchanging currencies between nations.

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SS6E3 The student will describe factors that influence economic growth and examine their presence or absence in Latin America.

- a. Explain the relationship between investment in human capital (education and training) and gross domestic product (GDP).
- b. Explain the relationship between investment in capital (factories, machinery, and technology) and gross domestic product (GDP).
- c. Describe the role of natural resources in a country's economy.
- d. Describe the role of entrepreneurship.

Essential Question: How do factors that influence economic growth play a part in the economics of Latin America?

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Formula for GDP is _____