Impact of Globalization on Mexico

World History

**Introduction:** The economic relationship between the United States and Mexico in the 20th century has dramatically shaped the Mexican economy and society as a whole. In this activity, we are going to explore the historical roots and current implications of Mexico’s economic relationship with the United States.

**Part 1- NAFTA- Origins and Impact**

*Use the resources provided to answer the below questions about the North American Free Trade Agreement and its impacts.*

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| **SPICE Element** | **Required Information** | **2-3 Facts I found on my own** |
| Social | How has the development of the Mexican economy since the NAFTA agreement impacted the gap between rich and poor in Mexico?  How has economic modernization impacted Mexican family structure/gender roles? |  |
| Political | When was NAFTA signed and what did they agree to?  What have been the recent changes to the NAFTA agreement since 2017? |  |
| Interaction with the Environment | What are maquiladoras and what challenges do they present for the ecosystem?  How has NAFTA impacted **internal** migration of the Mexican population?  How has NAFTA impacted **external/international** migration of Mexico? |  |
| Culture | How has NAFTA impacted Mexican culture? |  |
| Economic | What are the benefits of NAFTA?  What are the drawbacks of NAFTA?  How has the average Mexican citizen been impacted by free trade with the US? |  |

Resources for NAFTA

NAFTA Explained by Avocados and Shoes: <https://qz.com/992018/the-pros-and-cons-of-nafta-explained-by-avocados-and-shoes/>

NAFTA Explanation (Vox)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=371CRxnGkA8>

Weighing the Environmental Cooperation in USMCA: <https://www.iisd.org/sites/default/files/publications/environmental-cooperation-agreement-policy-brief.pdf>

NAFTA Pros and Cons- <https://www.thebalance.com/nafta-pros-and-cons-3970481>

Positive Impacts of NAFTA- <https://www.thebalance.com/advantages-of-nafta-3306271>

Impact of NAFTA on Mexico and Mexican Workers- <https://prospect.org/power/nafta-cross-border-disaster/>

Environmental Impact of NAFTA (Sierra Club)- <http://vault.sierraclub.org/trade/downloads/nafta-and-mexico.pdf>

Future of NAFTA (C-Span) <https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?6664>

Negotiations- <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trade-nafta-exclusive-idUSKBN1A41PU>

Current Agreement (Not yet ratified)

<https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/united-states-mexico-canada-agreement/fact-sheets/modernizing>

Evaluating NAFTA (PBS)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGeTZ4u2jbg>

NAFTA’s Economic Impact (Council on Foreign Relations - Skip to How has it Affected the Mexican Economy?) <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/naftas-economic-impact>

**Part 2- Annotated Map of Mexico**

*Working in your assigned groups, create an annotated map of Mexico that captures the SPICE impact of globalization on Mexico. Your map should include:*

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| Outline Map of Mexico | Key with Symbols that engage all SPICE elements |
| Major Cities: Mexico City, Gudalajara, Juarez, Tijuana, Leon, Monterey, Ensenada and Matamorous | 2-3 facts per SPICE element that show the impact of globalization on Mexico |
| Major Geographic Features: Neighboring Countries, Rivers, Mountains, bodies of water | 1 developed paragraph **per** SPICE (5 paragraphs total) element that answers our essential question:  How has globalization and modernization impacted Mexico? |