Chapter 6

Section 2

Issues and Challenges
Economic Ties

• US- world’s largest economy
  • Export chemicals, farm products, manufactured goods, ________________ (metals and cotton)
• Canada- much the same plus timber and seafood
• Both countries import many goods as well
• 1994- NAFTA ______________________________________________________)- removed trade restrictions between US, Canada and Mexico
  • Free trade allows each country to benefit
  • Canada sends 80% of exports to US, buys 60% of imports from US
  • Canada and Mexico are US’ largest trading partners
Economic Ties

• US depends on imports for __________________________
  • Oil: Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia,, Nigeria, Angola
• Americans spend hundreds of billions more on imports than we make on exports
  • Results in __________________________ - can cause serious economic problems over time
• To promote American business- US imposes __________________________
  (______________________)  
  • Other countries do this to American goods as well- hurts US economy
• Canada has a __________________________ - earns more from exports than it spends on imports
Global Terrorism

• US and Canada work together to combat ______________________

• Sometimes we disagree on decisions
  • Canada did not support war in Iraq (2003)- wanted us to seek peaceful solutions through UN (____________________________)
  • US and Canada are both heavily involved in UN
    • UN- helps keep world peace, provide aid to people in war torn countries or natural disasters
Environmental Issues

• Acid Rain and Climate Change
  • Burning of coal oil and natural gas can result in acid rain (rain with high amounts of chemicals)
  • Happens more in eastern areas of the countries - more ______________________
  • __________________________________ is a concern
    • Rising sea levels, changing in prevailing winds and ocean currents
    • Both countries fund research to reduce the use of fossil fuels
Environmental Issues

• Pollution Issues
  • Climate change and higher demand for water have led to ________________________________ in Great Lakes
    • Reduces shipping, hurts fish populations, decreases tourism
  • ________________________________ - places of old factories or gas stations with dangerous chemicals left behind
    • Governments try to help communities clean them up for new development
  • ________________________________ - people spreading out into suburbs and surrounding areas around cities
    • Reduced farmland and wilderness
    • More highways= more pollution, traffic, and strains on resources