

Year 4 Geography

Thursday 28.1.21

International Transport

Recall:

What are some examples of natural resources?

Which region is the main exporter of oil?

International transportation involves the movement of people or goods between countries. Depending on what is being transported, and how quickly it needs to arrive at its destination, different forms of transport are used. Almost all international travel causes pollution and therefore needs to be managed. Tourism and the trade of goods and services between countries are the main reasons for international transportation.

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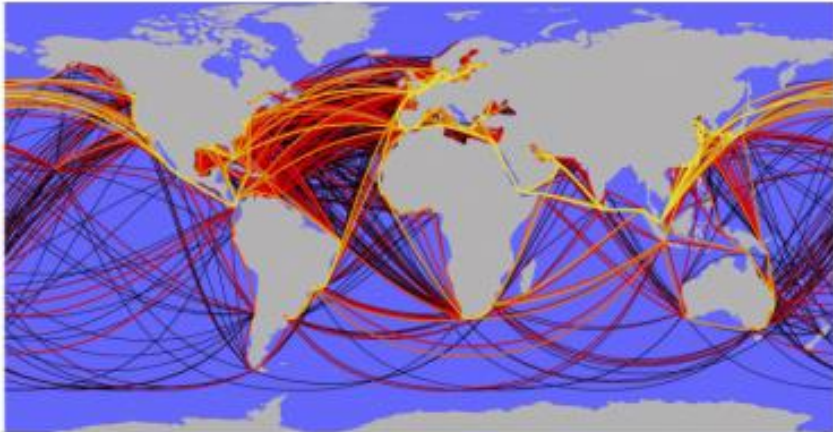
Possible answers:

Tourists visiting a country will spend money. This money can then be used by that country to benefit its population.

Tourists will be visiting shops in that country and helping small businesses and services to make money.

It also helps the country develop an identity to other countries. This can lead to requests for help or requests for the preservation of certain monuments and animals being more successful.

What methods of transport do you think are used internationally?



This map shows the main shipping routes for trade around the world. The areas in red and yellow show the busiest routes. Cargo ships carry goods in large quantities. The biggest port in the world is Shanghai in China.

Answers!

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Pollution is a serious matter.

It can damage the land, sea, rivers, and the air we breathe.

It can, and has, resulted in the deaths of countless species of animal and plant.

It has been linked to global warming, which in turn is linked to severe weather such as hurricanes, typhoons, and tsunamis.

It can lead to health issues in humans such as asthma and other respiratory illnesses (illnesses related to the lungs).



It's your time to decide...

Over the past few lessons, you have learned about all of the amazing things that international trade brings us and how important it is for countries to have access to the food and resources they need to survive.

We have also mentioned tourism and how nice having a holiday abroad can be.

But now, you have also learned about the consequences these benefits come with and the damage it can do to our planet, the living things on the planet and our future.

What should we do?

Should we stop all trade and tourism with other countries?

Should we reduce it somehow?

Should we carry on as we are?

Is there anything that could be done to reduce the pollution caused?

I now want you to write an explanation of what you think should be done about the pollution caused by international trade and tourism. What do you suggest happen and what are the consequences of your idea on different countries?

Remember, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the places we go, the technology we use, all relies on International trade. As do holidays!

You can write your answer down and submit that. Or, you can video yourself explaining your idea and the reasoning behind it and submit that instead. I look forward to your ideas!