

# Bloc Party

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## Try to Match the Trade Bloc with its Members

\_\_\_\_\_ ASEAN  
*(Association of Southeast Asian Nations)*

\_\_\_\_\_ CAFTA-DR  
*(Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement)*

\_\_\_\_\_ ECOWAS  
*(Economic Community of West African States)*

\_\_\_\_\_ EU  
*(European Union)*

\_\_\_\_\_ MERCOSUR  
*(Common Market of the South)*

\_\_\_\_\_ NAFTA  
*(North American Free Trade Agreement)*

1. Argentina; Bolivia; Brazil; Paraguay; Uruguay; and Venezuela.
2. Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.
3. Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos.
4. Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and the United States.
5. United States, Mexico and Canada.
6. Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

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## Questions for Discussion

1. What is a trading bloc?
2. Another term for countries coming together to form trading blocs is “economic integration”. What do you think some of the arguments are surrounding economic integration (pro/con)?
3. Explain what NAFTA is and then briefly discuss some of the controversies surrounding it.
4. How do the countries benefit from membership in a trading bloc? What about the benefits to consumers and businesses?

