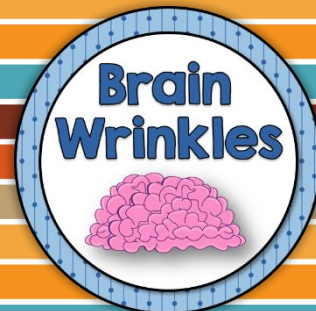


CANADA:

Where People Live & How They Trade

Location, Climate, &
Natural Resources



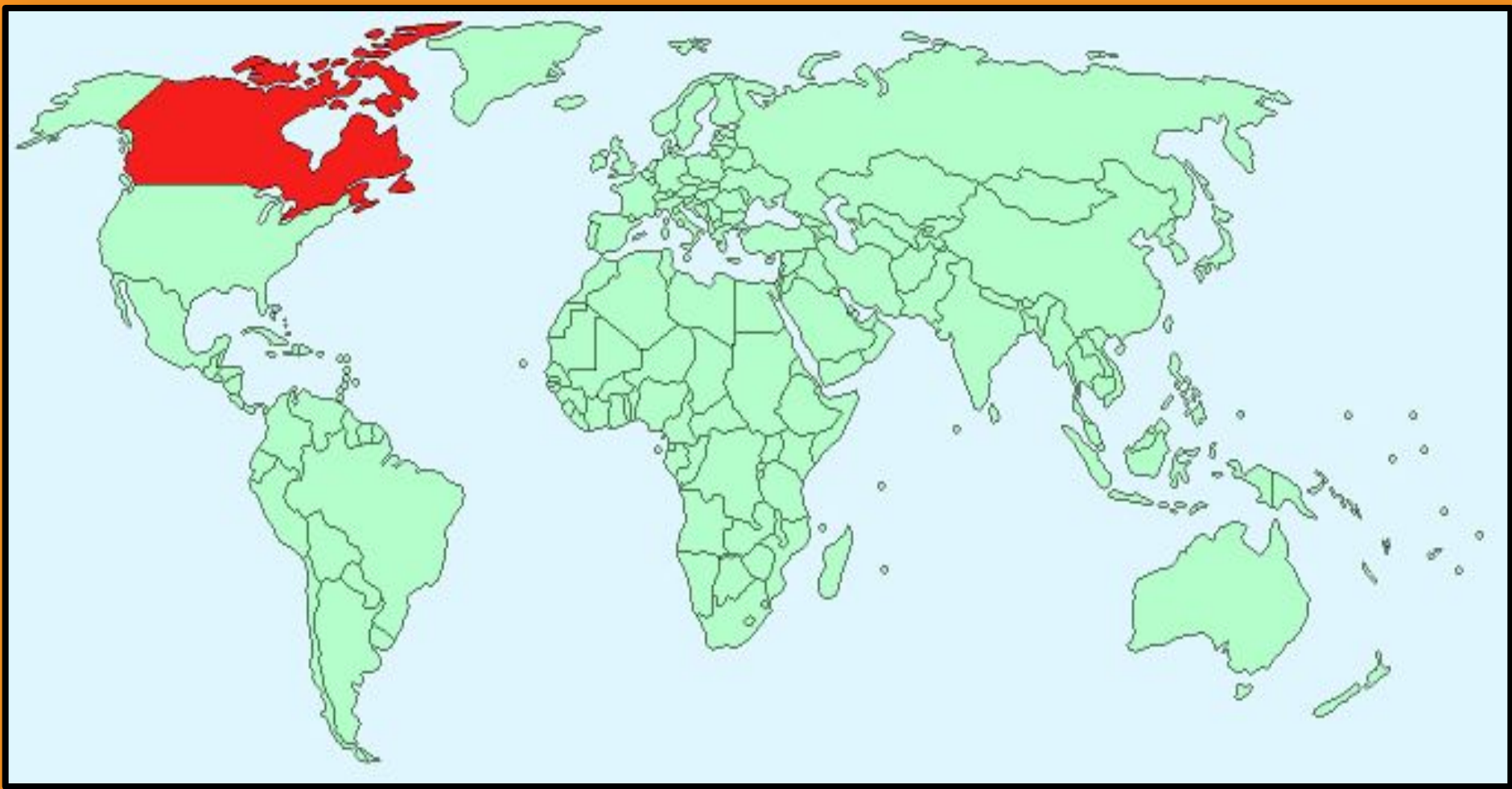
STANDARDS:

SS6G5 Explain the impact of location, climate, distribution of natural resources, and population distribution on Canada.

a. Describe how Canada's location, climate, and natural resources impact trade and affect where people live.

Canada

- Canada is surrounded by 3 oceans: Atlantic, Arctic, and Pacific.
- Its southern border is the United States, with Alaska forming part of Canada's western border.
- Canada's population is about 37 million, which is small considering it's the second largest country in the world. (IN SIZE)
 - (California has a higher population.)





Where
Canadians
Live

Climate

- Much of Canada has an extremely cold climate, so most Canadians have settled in areas where temperatures are more comfortable.
- The southern part of Canada, specifically the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence River Lowlands region, is the most densely populated part of Canada.
- Many Canadians live here because of the temperate climate, fertile land, and large cities.
 - About 75% of Canadians live in the cities and towns of southern Canada.

Toronto, Ontario is located in southern Canada.



Climate

- Very few people live in northern Canada because of the frigid climate.
- Northern Canada can have below-freezing temperatures year-round, even in the summer months.
- The Inuit are the few inhabitants of northern Canada.

An Inuit dog sled in northern Canada.



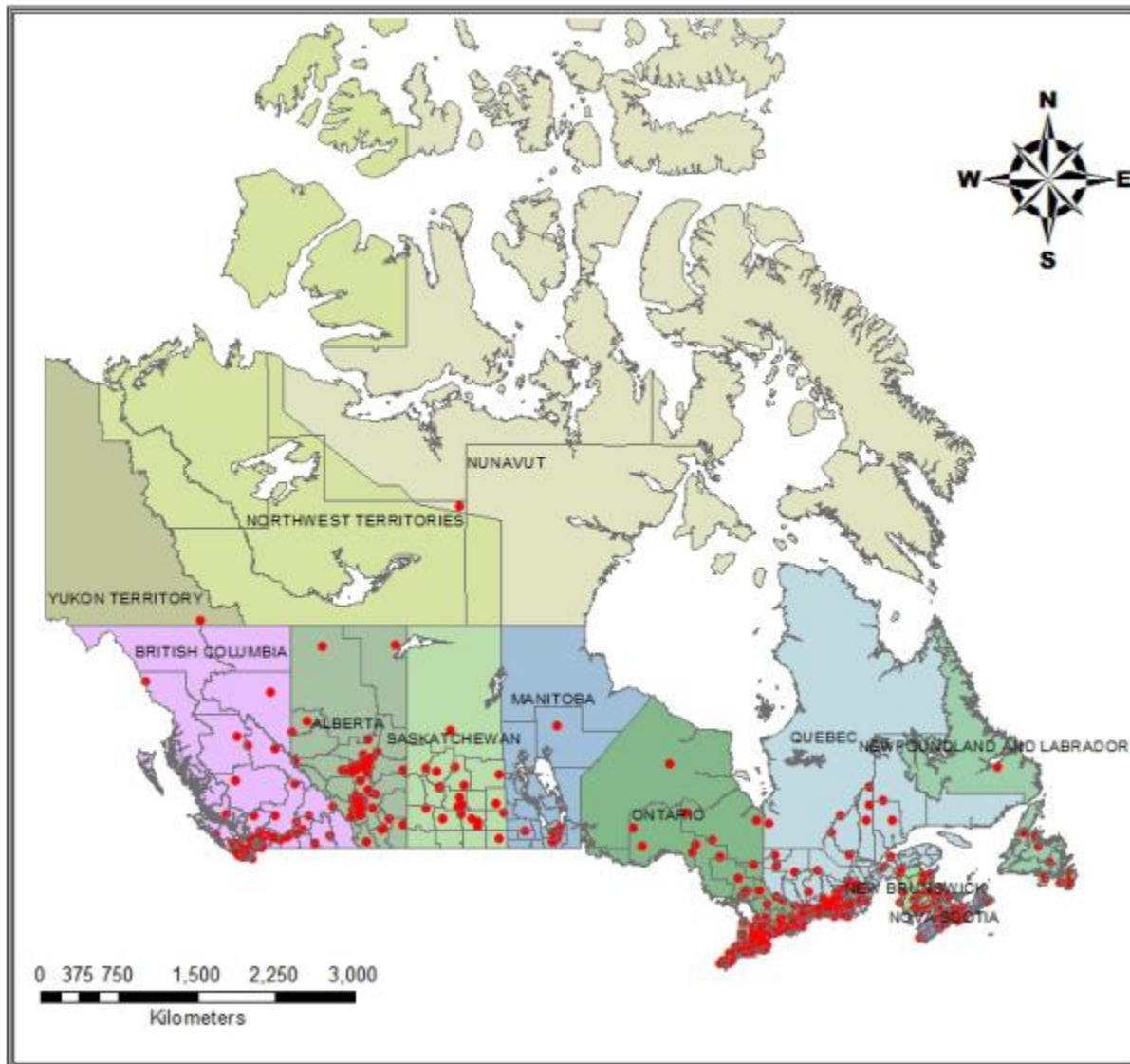
Climate

- In the Pacific (western) region, the climate varies from mild, rainy weather along the coast to snow and ice in the mountains.
- This area receives over 100 inches of rainfall per year.
- Despite the rain, many Canadians live in British Columbia's cities.

Vancouver, British Columbia is one of Canada's warmest cities.



Population Density of Canada



LEGEND

County Population

- 1 Dot = 50,000
- POP1996

Canadian Provinces

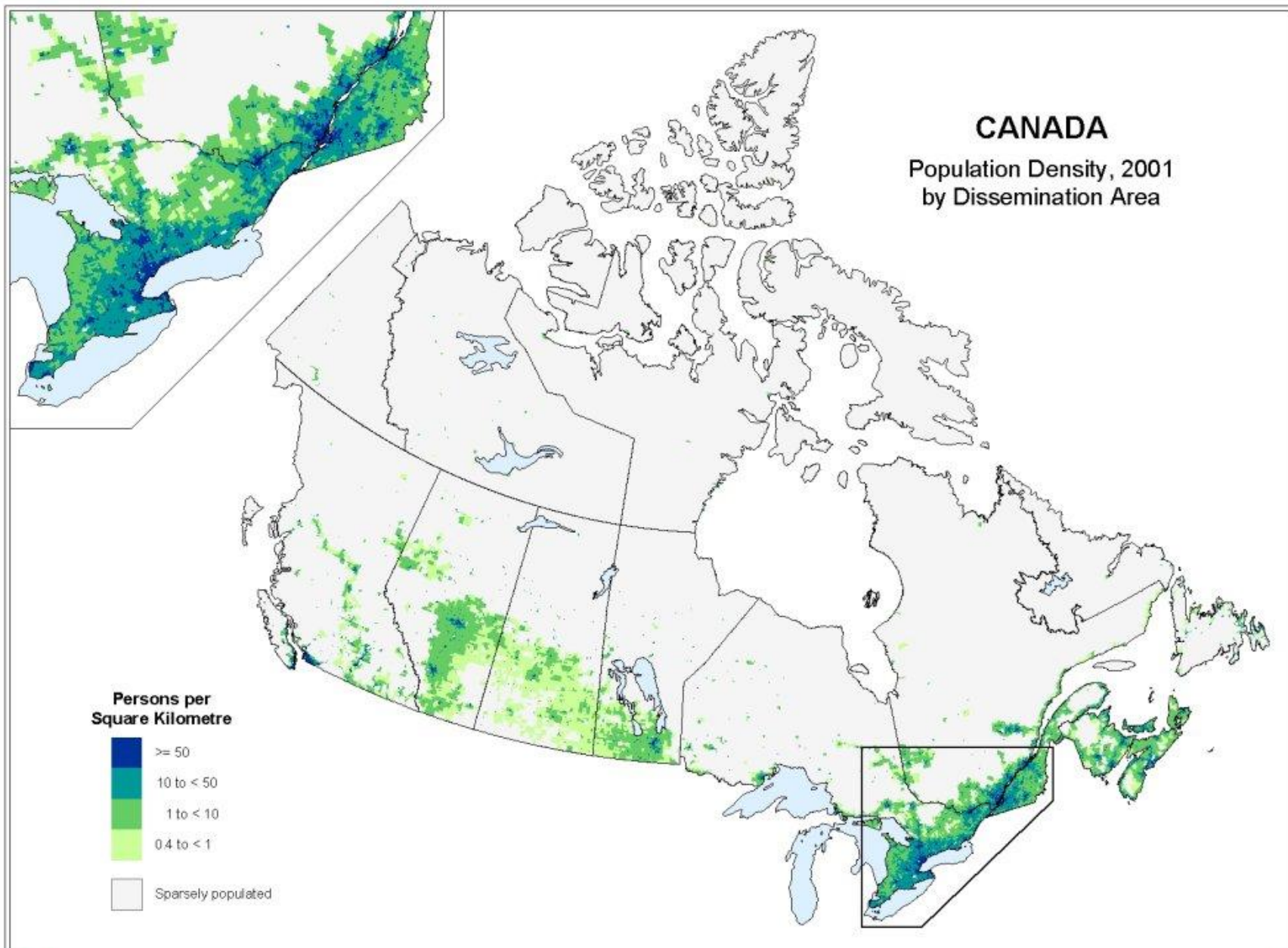
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- ALBERTA
- BRITISH COLUMBIA
- MANITOBA
- NEW BRUNSWICK
- NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
- NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
- NOVA SCOTIA
- NUNAVUT
- ONTARIO
- PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
- QUEBEC
- SASKATCHEWAN
- YUKON TERRITORY

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Natural Resources

- There is an abundance of rich, fertile farmland in Canada's western plains region.
- Many people in this area are farmers.
- It is warm enough to grow crops like wheat and other grains here.

Farmland in Alberta, Canada

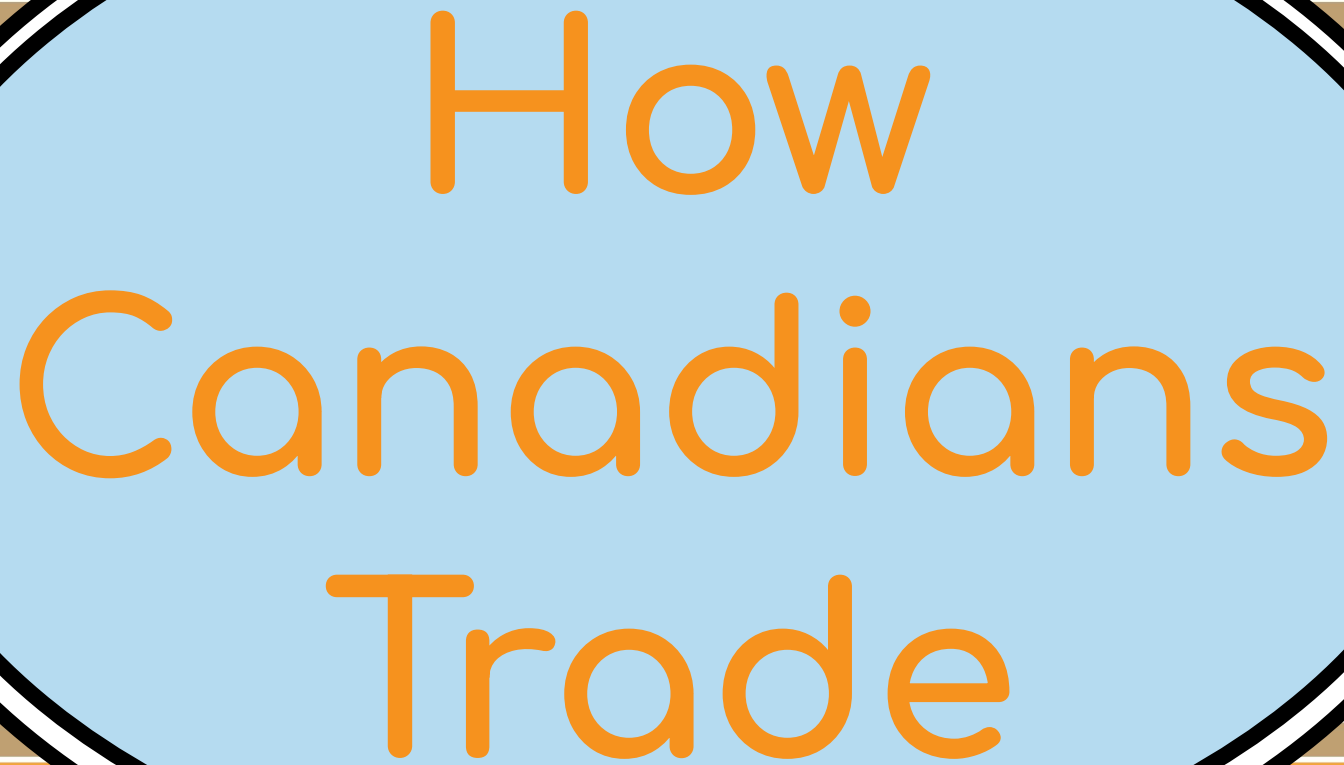


Natural Resources

- Because of its rocky soil, the Canadian Shield region is not good for farming, but it is incredibly rich in mineral deposits.
- Mining is an important occupation in this area.

Mining along the Canadian Shield





How Canadians Trade

Trade

- Canada's location, climate, and natural resources greatly impact its trade.
- Because of its location, the US is Canada's top trading partner.
- Canada exports many of its natural resources to the US, as well as to other countries around the world.

Natural Resources

- Canada is rich in natural resources, such as timber, fish, minerals, and agricultural products.
- The country's rivers and lakes have an abundance of fish, and fishing is an important industry along both coasts.
- The Canadian Shield provides many valuable minerals, including gold, silver, uranium, nickel, copper, and zinc.



Natural Resources

- Canada's western plain region is home to many of the country's natural resources.
- Because of the fertile soil, wheat and other agricultural products are grown in abundance here.
- Oil and natural gas are also found in this region.



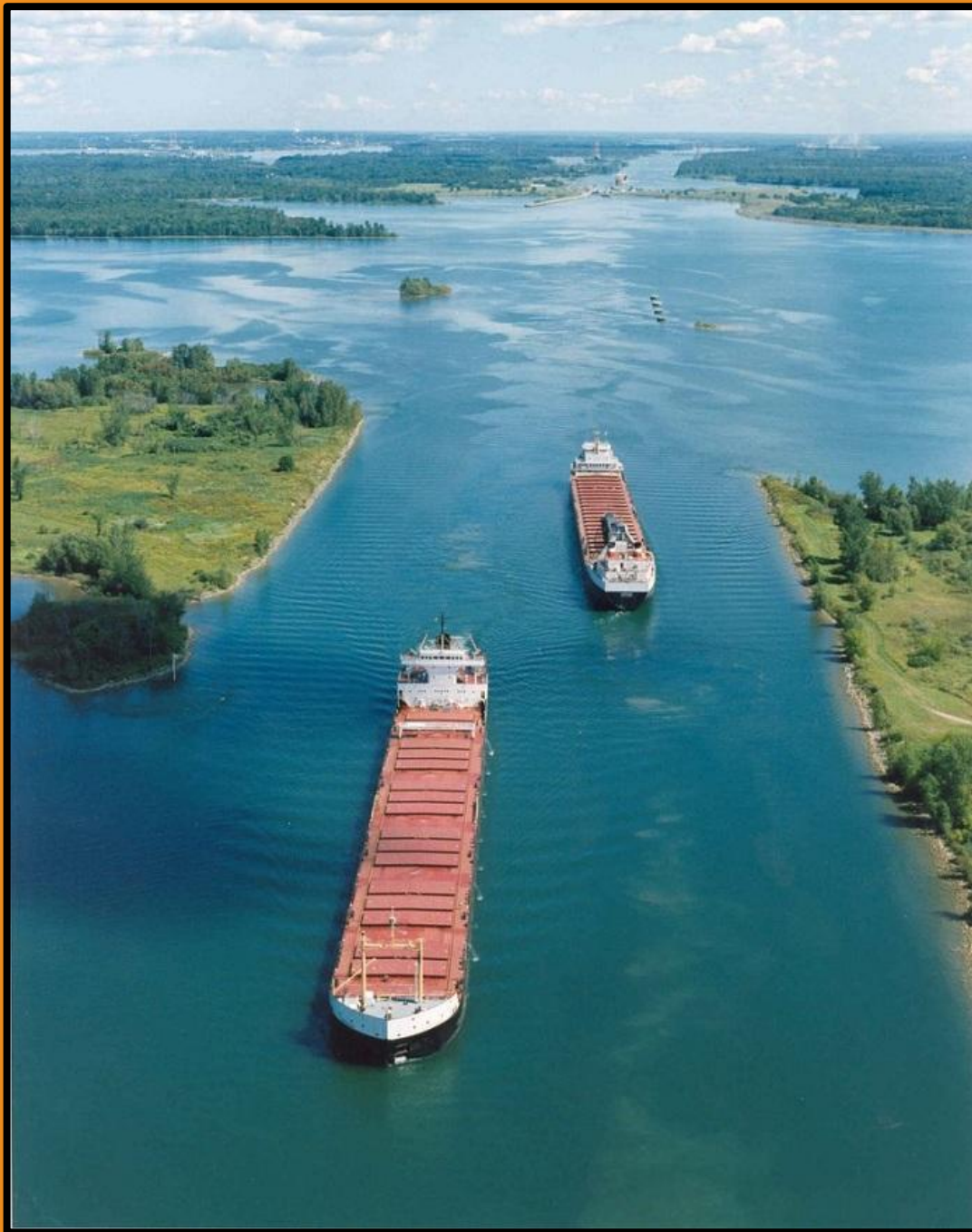
Natural Resources

- Timber is also an important natural resource found in Canada.
- Huge forests stretch across the country, which provide lumber and pulp to make paper.



Location

- Canada's location in the world helps it to be a leader in world trade.
- Canada is uniquely located on 3 oceans, so it has opportunities to trade with Europe, Africa, and Asia.
- Pacific---trade with Asia
- Atlantic--trade with Europe and Africa



Location

- Nearly 70% of Canada's manufactured products are produced in the Great Lakes region, where rivers, lakes, and the St. Lawrence Seaway allow goods to be shipped out all over the world.

Location

- Another benefit for Canada's trade is its location bordering the United States.
- The two countries share over 3,000 miles of border, so trade is relatively easy.
- The US is Canada's major trading partner.
- Most of Canada's imports come from the US, and nearly 80% of its exports go to the US.

TRADE TALK

- Read the passages on the worksheet entitled TRADE TALK
- Highlight the key facts and answer the questions at the bottom.

Our key question now is, “How do climate, natural resources, and location impact trade?”