

## What's in the Fridge?

### From the APHG Course Articulation Guide

- *Explain the interdependence among regions of food production and consumption.*
- *Food is part of a global supply chain; products from less developed low-latitude regions (e.g., coffee, bananas) are often consumed globally.*
- *Identify agricultural production regions associated with major bioclimatic zones.*
- *Analyze the causes and consequences of international trade and growing interdependence in the world economy.*
- *Complementarity and comparative advantage establish the basis for trade.*

### Free Response Questions (Outline your answers in the space below each question.)

- 1) Discuss why the types of foods imported from Latin America are different than the types of foods imported from Europe.
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## Possible Answers to Consider...

- 1) **Discuss why the types of foods imported from Latin America are different than the types of foods imported from Europe.**
  - Climate Differences: Tropical and Mediterranean
  - Plantation Type Crops / Cash Crops
  - Speciality Items from Europe
  - Tropical Fruits and Vegetables from Latin America
  - Coffee from Latin America
- 2) **Identify two reasons why the United States imports specific types of foods from Central America.**
  - USA does not have a tropical climate
  - USA farmers may not be able to compete with the cheaper production in Latin America
  - Cheaper than trying to produce the same product in the United States
  - High demand for the product in the United States (coffee)
- 1) **Explain how exports from European countries are different than the exports from Central America countries.**
  - High tech, medical, cars, etc. from Europe versus Food, clothing, natural resources from Latin America
- 2) **Identify an example of complementarity between the United States and a Latin American country.**
  - USA: tech goods, wheat, and medical
  - Latin America: bananas, coffee, sugar, t-shirts, some assembled goods
- 3) **Discuss the comparative advantage countries like Guatemala, Bangladesh, and Mexico have with what it trade with the United States.**
  - Different climates where they can grow crops not easily grown in the United States.
  - Cheaper labor allows for them to produce clothing items cheaper than they can be produced in the US.

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