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At least 3 academic sources

Background → Since the 1980s, Canada has entered into an increasing number of international free trade agreements. Some advocates have argued that such agreements are broadly positive for our country; critics and opponents contend that free trade brings with it a number of perils for Canadian sovereignty and economic well-being.

Topic → Select a Canadian free trade agreement (such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership of 2015-16) and describe the circumstances of its negotiation (in broad terms), parties, and key elements. Identify one or more contentious areas involved in the agreement and discuss, providing reasoned argument about whether or not Canadian participation is a good thing.

Starting points:

- Jeff Colgan, The Promise and Peril of International Trade.
- Marc D. Froese, Canada at the WTO: Trade Litigation and the Future of Public Policy.
- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, "Making Sense of the CETA" (available for download at www.policyalternatives.ca)
- Schwanen, Daniel, "Free Trade Transformed Canada's Economy". Globe and Mail, 30 Dec. 2013: A9.
- Canada; Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, "Canada's Free Trade Agreements". Government of Canada.



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