

MERCANTILISM DBQ

Directions: Examine the documents and answer the questions that follow.

Document 1

1. Based on the first picture, how did mercantilists measure a nations wealth?
2. The second picture shows a favorable (good) trade balance having more _____ and fewer _____. Considering your answer to number one, why would this be true?
3. If you were a king, what could you do to make sure your country had a favorable balance of trade?
4. Based on the third picture, what did European countries get from their colonies, and what did they give to their colonies?
5. If you asked a mercantilist, would he say this relationship is good for the Mother Country? Explain.

Document 2

6. Based on the cartoon, what were three benefits colonies brought to their mother countries in Europe?
7. What does the mother country do with the raw materials they get from the colonies?

8. What does the cartoon show about how European countries viewed their colonies?

Document 3

9. Many European countries at this time have adopted mercantilist policies. That means they all want to export more and import less. But if none of the European countries want to import, then who will buy all the manufactured goods from the European countries? (Hint: Look at the map)

10. Based on the map, what FOURTH benefit did the colonies provide for the mother countries?

11. From a Mercantilist perspective, was the trade relationship between the colonies and mother countries good or bad for the colonies? Why?

Document 4

12. Based on the document and your knowledge of history, explain why mercantilism was either good or bad for each group:

a. European Countries:

b. Colonies of European Countries:

c. Native Americans:

d. Africans: