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**The World Trade Organization
Do World Trade Organization policies harm the environment?**

**Background Questions**

1. Rewrite the definition of *globalization* in your own words.
2. After reading about pop culture and globalization, think of a real and specific example of this.
3. Summarize the problem of globalization.

**Part 1: The World Trade Organization**

Use Site 1 to answer the following questions about the World Trade Organization:

1. How many member countries are in the WTO?

1. What is at the heart of the WTO system?

1. What is the stated purpose for WTO agreements?

1. Describe the WTO's trade main trade agreement, The General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT).

1. Briefly describe one important benefit of the WTO's trade agreements.

**Part 2: Environmental Policy**

One of the most common criticisms of the WTO concerns the environment. Using Sites 2 and 3, summarize this criticism and the WTO's response.

1. Criticism of the WTO's policies concerning the environment:

1. What specific examples does Site 2 give of the WTO's record on health and the environment?

1. How does the WTO respond to the charge that they are anti-environment or "anti-green?"

**Part 3: Evaluating WTO Environmental Policy**

For homework, imagine you are a political cartoonist working for a newspaper. You are assigned to create a political cartoon that reflects your own view of the WTO's environmental policy. Your cartoon should have a clearly defined message or theme based on your research and expressing your evaluation. Be sure that the cartoon addresses your response to the Focus Question: Is the World Trade Organization anti-environment?