Alabama Goes Global

Trace Alabama's exports across time using source evidence.

SS24.5.16 "Research and report on Alabama's economic contributions and participation in global markets from the mid-twentieth through twenty-first centuries."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read, underline one good sold abroad and circle one benefit of global trade in each paragraph. Number the three named sources so you can use their evidence in your report.

From Mobile to World Markets

1 In the mid-1900s, Alabama businesses made goods from forests and farms. Lumber, paper, and cotton products traveled through the Port of Mobile to buyers in other countries. The Alabama Port Authority explains that the port connects businesses with world markets. An export is a good sold to another country. Overseas sales gave Alabama producers more customers and helped keep the port busy.

2 During the 1990s, Alabama added vehicle manufacturing to its trade story. Mercedes-Benz began making vehicles near Tuscaloosa in 1997. Some Alabama-made vehicles were sold to buyers in other countries, not just in the United States. The Alabama Department of Commerce lists motor vehicles among the state's leading exports. Making vehicles for world markets created factory jobs and work for companies that supply parts.

3 Today, Alabama's exports also include aerospace goods. U.S. Census Bureau trade records list aircraft and spacecraft parts among Alabama's exports. Workers in Huntsville make parts used in aerospace projects, and workers in Mobile assemble passenger jets. Export sales bring orders to Alabama businesses and work for people who make parts. To compete for buyers in other countries, businesses must meet those buyers' needs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did the Port of Mobile help Alabama producers take part in global trade in the mid-1900s? Include one benefit.

2. How does the Alabama Department of Commerce fact help show a change in Alabama's exports since the mid-1900s?

3. What do U.S. Census Bureau trade records show Alabama exports today? How can those sales help Alabama businesses?

4. What do the Port Authority and Department of Commerce sources together show about Alabama's participation in world markets over time?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Use the named sources in the passage as your research notes. Write a four-sentence report about Alabama's exports in two different time periods and how sales abroad helped its economy. Name at least two sources.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

As you read, underline one good sold abroad and circle one benefit of global trade in each paragraph. Number the three named sources so you can use their evidence in your report. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the Port of Mobile help Alabama producers take part in global trade in the mid-1900s? Include one benefit.	**Lumber, paper, and cotton products traveled through the port to buyers in other countries. Those sales gave Alabama producers more customers.**
2	How does the Alabama Department of Commerce fact help show a change in Alabama's exports since the mid-1900s?	**The passage first describes forest and farm goods going abroad. The department lists motor vehicles among Alabama's leading exports after vehicle manufacturing began in the state.**
3	What do U.S. Census Bureau trade records show Alabama exports today? How can those sales help Alabama businesses?	**Alabama exports aircraft and spacecraft parts. Export sales bring orders to Alabama businesses.**
4	What do the Port Authority and Department of Commerce sources together show about Alabama's participation in world markets over time?	**The Port Authority describes a port that connects businesses with world markets. The Department of Commerce lists motor vehicles among Alabama's leading exports, showing that Alabama sells different kinds of goods abroad over time.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Alabama Port Authority says the Port of Mobile connects businesses with world markets. In the mid-1900s, lumber, paper, and cotton products traveled through the port to buyers abroad, giving producers more customers. The Alabama Department of Commerce lists motor vehicles among Alabama's leading exports after Mercedes-Benz began making vehicles near Tuscaloosa in 1997. Selling vehicles abroad created factory jobs and work for parts suppliers.

Accept accurate, passage-supported descriptions of exports and benefits. For the report, check for four sentences, evidence from two time periods, and the names of at least two sources.