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| **Full description of learning activity and how students will be assessed:**  Answer the following questions based upon your current knowledge of your field of study. These answers should be based upon your knowledge of your own field of study combined with the knowledge of technology and economic growth covered within this course. These are your opinions and should reflect thoughtful consideration of the topic. Each answer should be at least one paragraph.  Refer to the following article for your answers:  <https://www.mercatus.org/publication/benefits-free-trade-addressing-key-myths>  Trade is a type of technology. Any limitation on trade makes you poorer. Imagine if you were no allowed to hear music or view art made from China. In this case your world has less possibility for exposure to something potentially beautiful. Technology has the capacity to improve productivity, it is usually measured in the ability of people to do more work with the same amount of inputs (time, electricity, or other inputs). This can lead to additional unemployment if the same output is required from society.  1.Make the case that free trade can hurt domestic producers and that some industries should be protected. Example: local artists have less chance of playing live if I am able to download songs from anywhere in the world. In this case local artists have to compete with every artist with an internet connection.  2. Make the case that free trade can lower prices for the poorest consumers and that any limitation on trade is imposing additional costs onto the poorest consumers of a country. |