

**Benchmark: 4a**



**Brief Constructed Response Prompt:**

Why might countries engage in trade with each other? Explain your answer.

**Sample Response(s):**

Response may include any combination or variation of the following:

Countries trade to get goods and services at the lowest cost.

Countries specialize in producing their lowest cost good and trade to get other goods.

The price to import a certain item may be cheaper than to make it here in the USA.

Countries import items that cannot be produced there.

Countries that trade expect to be better off. They can consume more because the cost of goods and services are cheaper so they have more money to spend.

**Rubric**

**2** = This response gives a valid response with an accurate and relevant explanation.

**1** = This response gives a valid response with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.

**0** = inaccurate or no response