

Geography 349

Winter 2014

Learning from Paper 1

Name: _____

As you think about your country's major trading partners (for imports and exports), how would you describe the roles of *each* of the following in influencing which countries have the strongest trade linkages with your country?

Proximity (our simple model of trade ignored transportation costs, but they certainly exist and can affect the feasibility of trade)

Complementarity (very different factor proportions from your country – basic trade theory implies that most trade will be between countries with very different mixes of resource and labor)

Specialization (new trade theory suggests that some trade occurs between similar countries because of specialization within economic sectors)

Trade policy (many trade flows are influenced by bilateral or regional free trade agreements, or preferential trade policy that results from former colonial relationships)

From your experience with this paper and your discussion with classmates, what data source(s) would you use if you had to discover the trade patterns of another country? (In other words, what have you learned about finding trade data?)

From your experience with this paper and your discussion with classmates, what sources would you use if you had to discover the factor mix of another country? (In other words, how can you learn whether a country is resource rich, land rich, skilled-labor rich, unskilled-labor rich, or capital rich?)

From your experience with this paper and your discussion with classmates, what source(s) would you use if you had to discover the dominant trade policies of another country?