CONCEPT: INTRODUCING MACROECONOMIC CONCEPTS – TRADE DEFICIT AND SURPLUS

Open Economy – an economy that trades goods and services with other countries				
□ <i>Exports</i> – Goods and services to other countries				
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□ <i>Imports</i> – Goods and services from other countries				
□ Trade Surplus →	Exports Imports			
□ Trade Deficit →	Exports Imports			
	Exports, imports (billions) \$2,500 2,000 1,500 1,000 500	Exports Imports		
• So is a trade deficit a bad thing? Is a trade surplus a good thing?				
□ The answer is				
☐ International trade is the result of: countries export goods they are good at producing				
☐ The determinants of the balance between surplus and deficit lie in the details of Savings and Investment				
> Savings – current consumption is current output				
> Investment – current resources are devoted to future output				
Financial Investment:		Economic Investment:	Economic Investment:	
☐ For now, understand that these terms describe the current condition, but not exactly the strength of an economy				