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**Enduring question:**

***Does participation in the world economy help or hinder the economic development of poorer countries?***

1. If you were the leader of a developing country caught in a poverty trap, how might you attempt to begin to extricate your country from it?
2. Explain the connection between Marxism and the dependency school of development.
3. Outline at least three of the main challenges facing developing countries in today’s international system.
4. What are some of the most damaging legacies of colonialism on former colonies? Should former colonial powers be held responsible for the economic struggles of their former colonies? If so, how?
5. Is international trade helpful or harmful to developing countries? Discuss some of the pros and cons of involvement in the global economy for developing countries.
6. What are the primary benefits and drawbacks of import-substituting industrialization, international commodity cartels, and international commodity agreements for developing countries? Think of at least two of each for each strategy.
7. What are the main factors that allowed the “Asian Tigers” to be so successful? Compare their success with the struggles of sub-Saharan African countries, for example. Why has development been less successful in this latter region?
8. Are international financial flows beneficial to development? Are official flows or private flows more beneficial? Should either be encouraged by the international community?
9. Discuss the pros and cons of international bank loans. Discuss the pros and cons of MNEs. Discuss the pros and cons of IMF lending.
10. Do you think the BRICS will soon be the major players in the international system? What are the strengths and weaknesses of each country? Do you think other countries in Asia and South America will follow suit?