

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. What do you think, is NAFTA a good thing or bad? Explain. Do you agree with Obama and Clinton or McCain and the president?

2. Do you think the candidates are just talking about NAFTA to get votes? What will happen after Tuesday's vote? How do the candidates balance campaigning in front of specific voters with specific concerns with crafting policies for a huge, very diverse nation?

3. Do more research on NAFTA. Which parts of the U.S. economy have benefited? Which parts of the U.S. economy have suffered? What impact have other trade agreements, including those made by the World Trade Organization, had on the U.S. economy?

4. According to many political analysts, Senator Hillary Clinton must win big in Ohio and Texas to have a chance of becoming the Democratic presidential nominee. What do you think? Must she win both states? Do you have a prediction about Tuesday's races?

5. Why is Ohio considered such an important state to win for the Democratic candidates? Look to some recent presidential elections in Ohio? How did the state vote? What does this tell us about the state?

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.