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# **6th Grade Social Studies (Blizzard Bag)**

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**(Only complete if we must go NTI)**

**Instructions:**

- **Read the article carefully. Pay attention to what is happening between Canada and the U.S., especially the things that Prime Minister Trudeau and President Trump are saying.**
  - **Look for important events, like how the trade talks could affect people in both countries. Focus on what the tariffs are and how they might change things.**
  - **Think about how Trudeau is responding to Trump's threats and what might happen next.**
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**Canada's Trudeau Warns of the Impact of Trump's Tariff Threats**

On January 12, 2025, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau spoke out about U.S. President Donald Trump's threats to put high tariffs on Canadian goods. Trudeau said that many people were focusing on Trump's idea of making Canada the 51st U.S. state, but they weren't thinking about how these tariffs could hurt U.S. consumers.

Trump has said that he might place a 25% tariff on all goods coming from Canada, which means people in the U.S. would have to pay more for things like steel and aluminum from Canada. Trudeau pointed out that no one wants to pay higher prices for electricity or oil coming from Canada, and he warned that this could really hurt American families.

Trump has also suggested that if Canada became part of the U.S., it would no longer have to deal with tariffs. But Trudeau explained that Trump is using these threats to try to get his way, even though they could cause harm to the American economy.

Trump had also incorrectly said that the U.S. has a trade problem with Canada because Canada is "subsidizing" the U.S. by sending too many resources like oil. However, if Trump moves forward with his tariffs, Canada has said it could put tariffs on U.S. goods like orange juice,

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toilets, and steel. In the past, when Trump put tariffs on Canadian products like steel, Canada put tariffs on American items like motorcycles and bourbon in return.

Trudeau also explained that the U.S. depends a lot on Canadian oil. Almost a quarter of the oil the U.S. uses every day comes from Canada, especially from Alberta, a province in Canada that produces a lot of oil. So if Trump goes ahead with his plan to stop importing Canadian oil, it could hurt the U.S. economy too.

Canada and the U.S. have a close trading relationship. Every day, nearly \$2.7 billion worth of goods move between the two countries. This means that if there are problems with trade, both countries could feel the effects.

Trump has said he would rethink the tariffs if Canada improved its border security, especially for illegal immigrants and drugs. However, Trudeau responded by saying that less than 1% of illegal immigrants and fentanyl come from Canada to the U.S. Trudeau even agreed to spend more money on border security to try to calm Trump down, hoping he would drop the tariff threat.

Trudeau has had a tough time leading the country, especially with his party falling behind in the polls. He announced that he would resign from his position as Prime Minister in March 2025. He will be replaced by a new leader from his party.

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This summary is paraphrased from an article by Jim Morris published on January 12, 2025, by AP World News.

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*Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Make sure your answers are detailed and show your understanding of the article (1-2 sentence responses are adequate responses).*

1. *What did Prime Minister Trudeau say about the impact of tariffs on U.S. consumers?*

*Answer:*

2. *How did Trump's comments about Canada becoming the 51st state distract from the tariff issue?*

*Answer:*

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3. *Why is Canada so important to the U.S. when it comes to oil and trade?*

*Answer:*