

### Export & Import Bar Graph Activity

Use the data set on page 433 and follow the directions below carefully to complete your bar graph.

- 1) Using a colored pencil, lay out a vertical line that is 8" in length and then break it down into 1" segments. With pen, label each segment mark on the vertical axis in increments of 200 and label the vertical axis "Total Value (in billions)"
- 2) Using a colored pencil, lay out a horizontal line that is 6 1/2" in length and then break it down into 1/2" segments. Leave a 1/2 gap and then in pen label the first two segment marks 1995, then label the next two segment marks 1996, etc. until you get to 2000. Repeat the same process for the remainder of the segment marks on the horizontal axis. With pen, label the horizontal axis "Exports vs Imports"
- 3) Using a pencil, layout 6 bars for the export numbers per year...be sure to use your segment marks & a ruler to neatly project your bars upward. Repeat the same process for the import numbers.
- 4) Next, color in lightly the export bars with a colored pencil and color in lightly the import bars with another colored pencil.
- 5) With pen, write the number each bar represents within the bar itself.
- 6) With pen, write the title "U.S. Balance of Trade / 1995-2000" at the top of you bar graph.