

Political Patterns and Processes

Unit 4 Vocabulary

4.1 Introduction to Political Geography

Types of Political Entities

- State
- Nations
- Nation-States
- Stateless Nations
- Multinational States
- Autonomous Regions
- Semi-Autonomous Regions

4.2 Political Processes

- Sovereignty
- Self-Determination
- Nationalism
- Colonialism
- Scramble for Africa
- Berlin Conference
- Imperialism
- Independence Movements
- Decolonization
- Devolution

4.3 Political Power and Territoriality

- Neocolonialism
- Genocide
- The Cold War
- Proxy Wars
- Satellite States
- Collapse of Communism
- Ethnic Cleansing
- Shatterbelts
- Choke Points

4.4 Defining Political Boundaries

- Boundary
- Geometric Boundary
- Natural Boundary
- Cultural Boundary
- Relic
- Superimposed
- Subsequent
- Antecedent
- Militarized
- Open Boundary
- Consequent

4.5 The Function of Political Boundaries

- Defining Boundaries
- Delimiting Boundaries
- Demarcating Boundaries
- UNCLOS
 - Territorial Sea
 - Contiguous Zone
 - Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
 - High Seas
- Median Line Principle

Types of Boundary Disputes

- Definitional Boundary Disputes
- Locational Boundary Disputes
- Operational Boundary Disputes
- Allocational Boundary Disputes

4.6 Internal Boundaries

- Territorial Representation
- Voting Districts
- Reapportionment
- Redistricting
- Gerrymandering
 - Cracking
 - Packing
 - Stacking
 - Hijacking
 - Kidnapping

4.7 Forms of Governance

- Unitary States
- Federal States

4.8 Defining Devolutionary Forces

- Factors that lead to Devolution
 - Physical Geography
 - Ethnic Separatism
 - Terrorism
 - Economics
 - Social Issues
 - Irredentism
- Subnationalism
- Balkanization
- Impact of Technology on Devolution

4.9 Challenges of Sovereignty

- Globalization
- Transnational Corporations
- Supranationalism
 - Economic Supranationalism
 - European Union (EU)
 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
 - Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
 - Military and Strategic Supranationalism
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Democratization

4.10 Consequences of Centrifugal and Centripetal Forces

- Centrifugal Forces
- Centripetal Forces
- Regionalism
- Stateless nations
- Failed States
- Ethnic Nationalist Movements
- Ethnonationalism

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Unit 4 – Text Assignment – Chapter 8

	Questions	Length	Due
Q1	a) Write a four level map analysis of the map on pages 260-261. b) Define and describe the concept of a nation state. c) Explain how colonialism led to the diffusion of the nation-state model.	1.5 pages	Monday 11/18
Q2	a) Write a four level analysis of the map on page 241 (chapter 7). b) Describe and explain the ethnic cleansing that occurred in the former Yugoslavia.	1.5 pages	Friday 11/22
Q3	a) Define and explain the concept of a vertical plane boundary. b) Referencing the map on page 273, explain how the establishment of a vertical plane boundary can lead to conflict.	1 page	Friday 12/6
Q4	a) Explain how a state could use redistricting to make it nearly impossible for a minority candidate to be elected. b) Explain how the Voting Rights Act of 1965 impacted redistricting – be sure to include a definition of majority-minority districts.	1 page	Monday 12/9
Q5	a) Using the map on page 268, describe and explain how physical geography and location influence devolution. b) Using Brazil as an example, describe and explain how economic forces influence devolution.	1 page	Friday 12/13
Q6	a) Define and explain critical geopolitics. b) Define and explain geopolitical world order.	1.5 pages	Monday 12/16