

Unit 4: Political Patterns and Processes

Topic 4.1 – Introduction to Political Geography

1. Explain the difference between a nation and a state.

2. Complete the table below.

	Definition	Example
Nation-state		
Stateless nation		
Multinational state		
Multistate nation		

3. What is the difference between an autonomous and semi autonomous region?

4. Explain what type of region Native American Indian reservations would be.

Topic 4.2- Political Processes

1. Define sovereignty.

2. Explain how self-determination impacts a territory.

3. Identify three ways in which colonialism reshaped the world.

4. Why does Africa have less nation-states compared to other parts of the world?

5. What is the difference between self-determination and devolution?

6. Which country experienced devolution, Yugoslavia or Madagascar?

Topic 4.3- Political Power and Territoriality

1. Define territoriality.
2. How has China been using neocolonialism in Africa?
3. Identify two problems that a country in a shatterbelt region may experience.
4. Explain why countries around the world pay special attention to choke points.

Topic 4.4- Defining Political Boundaries

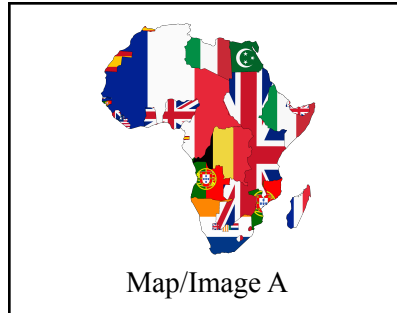
1. Identify the two boundary categories.

2. What makes a geometric boundary unique and which boundary category is it part of?

3. Which map/image shows a superimposed boundary? Why?

4. Which map/image shows a relic boundary? Why?

5. Which map/image shows a consequent boundary?



6. What is the difference between an antecedent and relic boundary?

7. Compare and contrast a subsequent and consequent boundary.

Topic 4.5- The Function of Political Boundaries

1. Provide an example of a definitional boundary dispute.
2. Explain when a locational boundary dispute would happen.
3. Provide an example of an operational dispute.
4. Why would an allocational boundary dispute happen?
5. Identify two historical examples of international conflicts that have impacted a country's boundaries.

Complete the table below.

Name	Size	States rights
Baseline		
Territorial Zone		
Contiguous Zone		
Exclusive Economic Zone		
International Waters		

6. How has the Law of the Sea helped resolve disputes over boundary disputes in the sea?

Topic 4.6- Internal Boundaries

1. Identify two ways in which gerrymandering impacts political elections in the United States.
2. What is the difference between packing and cracking?
3. Explain how the spatial layout of a voting district can impact election results.

Topic 4.7- Forms of Governance

1. Identify where the power is located in the following forms of governance.

	Central Gov.	Regional Gov.	Pro	Con
Unitary				
Federal				
Confederation				

Topic 4.8- Defining Devolutionary Factors

1. Identify general factors that lead to the devolution of states.

Economic	
Social	
Political	
Environmental	

2. Define irredentism.

Topic 4.9- Challenges to Sovereignty

1. Identify different ways political, economic, cultural, and technological changes have challenged state sovereignty.

Political factors	
Economic factors	
Cultural factors	
Technological factors	

2. How has technology facilitated supranationalism?

3. How can global efforts to address a changing world create more supranationalism?

4. Identify two supranational organizations and explain how they impact state's sovereignty.

5. Explain how subnational political units illustrate the concept of devolution.

Topic 4.10- Consequences of Centrifugal and Centripetal Forces

1. What is the difference between centripetal forces and centrifugal forces?

2. Define ethnonationalism.

3. Identify different political, economic, cultural, and geographic factors that can lead to centripetal forces and centrifugal forces.

	Centripetal	Centrifugal
Political		
Economic		
Cultural		
Geographic		

4. How can centripetal forces and centrifugal forces apply at the state/regional scale and country/national scale?