

AP Human Geography
Unit IV: Political Organization of Space

Key Terms/Concepts to Know

1. Frontier
2. City-state
3. Definition of a state
4. Sovereignty
5. Territory
6. Compact state (definition and examples)
7. Fragmented state
8. Elongated state
9. Prorupted state
10. Perforated state
11. Excalve
12. Enclave
13. Landlocked states (disadvantages)
14. Micro-states (examples and challenges)
15. Stateless nations (examples)
16. Irredentism
17. Physical boundaries
18. Mountains as boundaries
19. Water as a boundary
20. Deserts as boundaries
21. Cultural boundaries
22. Linguistic boundaries
23. Religious boundaries
24. Geometric boundaries
25. Origin of boundaries
26. Antecedent boundaries
27. Subsequent boundaries
28. Superimposed boundaries
29. Relic boundaries
30. Boundary disputes
31. Definitional disputes
32. Locational disputes
33. Operational disputes
34. Allocational diputes
35. Buffer state
36. Border landscapes
37. Territorial disputes
38. Self-determination
39. Nation-state concept
40. Immigrant state
41. Colonialism

42. Imperialism
43. Manifest destiny
44. Heartland/Rimland Theory
45. Shatterbelt
46. Mackinder
47. Decolonization
48. Apartheid
49. Satellite states
50. Balance-of-Power
51. Gateway state
52. Unitary state (advantages & disadvantages)
53. Federal states
54. Confederation
55. Core/periphery
56. Capital (location)
57. Forward capital
58. Balkanization
59. Centripetal forces
60. Centrifugal forces
61. Geopolitics
62. Question of Taiwan
63. Impact of globalization on state sovereignty
64. Tragedy of the Commons
65. Law of the Sea
66. Devolution
67. Supranationalism
68. European Union
69. NAFTA
70. Break up the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia
71. Economic Enterprise Zones
72. Changing boundaries of Europe
73. Iron Curtain
74. Cold-War
75. Partition of India
76. Gerrymandering
77. Stacked gerrymandering
78. Wasted vote
79. Fragmented gerrymandering
80. Reapportionment
81. Terrorism