



International Politics

International Politics Vocabulary

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Directions: Make flashcards out of the following terms. On the backs draw pictures to represent each word and definition.

Alliance system

Political, economic or military alignment of nations; promotes the common interests of members

Cooperation

Supportive action of joining together for common interests

International relations

Multilateral interaction between nation states

Balance of power

Nations aligning themselves to maintain peace and security; no one nation able to impose a major threat on others

Domestic policy

a government's plan to deal with internal issues of the country

Multinational corporations

Private companies that have operations and or divisions in many countries

Bipolar world

World co-domination of two superpowers with opposing ideologies

Foreign policy

A government's plan to deal with international issues that impact it

National interest

A country determining its involvement in the world affairs based on the outcome or benefits it receives

National sovereignty

A nation's right to establish its own form of government and laws without external influence.

Nation-state

Most powerful political unit in the world; having definite boundaries and organized institutions

Hegemon

The most powerful political, economic and military nation-state in the world ex. USA today, GB in 19th century

Nongovernmental organizations

Nonprofit international agencies having a particular common cause ex. Doctors without borders, Greenpeace

Major players/actors

Countries, organizations and institutions that have a great influence on world affairs

Transnational pressures

Global problems that undermine the power and status of many nation-states

Regional blocs

Specific areas of the world cooperating together for political, economic and social reasons ex. EU, NAFTA, ASEAN

International system

Maintaining a beneficial and peaceful pattern of interaction among major global players