



AP Human Geography

Unit VII Study Guide

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Directions: Use the following questions to help you study for the Unit VII Test covering the topics of Political Geography.

1. What is the definition of a “State”?
2. What is the difference between a “State” and a “Nation” and give 2 examples of each?
3. What does “sovereignty” mean?
4. Who owns “Antarctica”?
5. List the top 5 countries in land area in the world.
6. What are “Microstates” and give 2 examples in Europe and 2 examples in Asia?
7. What is a “City-state” where did the first ones develop?
8. What is a colony? And why were they established by European nations (2 reasons)?
9. What is “Imperialism”?
10. What is the definition of a “boundary”?
11. What 2 countries had the largest colonial empires in Africa?
12. Give 2 examples of the following “shapes of states or countries”
 - a. Compact States-
 - b. Prorupted States-
 - c. Elongated States-
 - d. Fragmented States-
 - e. Perforated States-

13. What is a "Landlocked State" and give 3 examples in Europe; 3 examples in Asia; 4 examples in Africa; and 2 in South America?
14. Using Africa as an example, give 2 problems of landlocked countries.
15. What is a "Frontier" and give 2 examples?
16. How are "Cultural Boundaries" determined?
17. Give 2 examples of "Geometric Boundaries".
18. What are 2 problems with "Geometric Boundaries"?
19. Give 2 examples of "Religious Boundaries".
20. Under what conditions were "Language Boundaries" created?
21. What is the problem with "Language Boundaries"?
22. Where is Cyprus and why was the "Green Line" established?
23. What is a "Buffer Zone" and what is its purpose?
24. What is the difference between a "Unitary State(country) ; a Federal State; and a "Confederate State"?
25. What is "Electoral Geography"?
26. What is "Gerrymandering" and why is it done?

27. What is the main purpose of the United Nations?

28. What 3 countries belong to the following supranational organizations and give the purpose of organization:

a. OPEC

b. OAS-

c. European Union-

d. ANZUS-

29. What exactly is "Terrorism"?

30. What is the difference between Genocide and Ethnic cleansing? Give examples of both.