

Unit 4 – Chapter 8 Review Sheet

Political Organization of Space

- Political Geography
- State, nation, nation-state
- Multi-nation state: Ethno-nationalism, separatism, secession
- Multistate nation: Irredentism
- Stateless Nation
- Self-determination
- Unitary state V. Federal state
- Raison d’etre
- Nationalism V. Patriotism
- City-states
- Colonialism – colony, imperialism, 1884 Conference of Berlin, decolonization
- Size of states – microstates (pros and cons of big and small)
- Boundary Types – natural/physical, ethnographic/cultural, geometric
- River boundaries – Median Line Principle
- Frontiers, buffer zone, Law of the Sea, EEZ
- Territorial Morphology – compact, fragmented, elongated, prorupted, perforated
- Landlocked states
- Enclaves/exclaves
- Centripetal forces and unification V. centrifugal forces and dissolution
- Local Government: electoral college, reapportionment, Gerrymandering (different types of votes)
- Geopolitical Theory
- Heartland theory
- Rimland theory
- International Organizations – UN
- Regional Alliances – NAFTA, OPEC, NATO
- Supranational Organization – EU
- Confederations – CIS Commonwealth of Independent States
- Cold War – Iron Curtain, Domino Theory, East/West divide
- Collapse of USSR – political changes – reunification and break ups (devolution), North/South divide
- Shatter belt (Yugoslavia)
- Type of boundaries – superimposed, subsequent, fences/walls, relict, antecedent
- Terrorism and state support