

POLITICAL Geography

BOUNDARIES, STATE SHAPES, CONCEPTS

Name _____

1. _____ Which of the following is not classified geographically as a *microstate*?
 - a. the island of Barbados
 - b. Monaco
 - c. Singapore
 - d. Brazil
 - e. Vatican City

2. _____ What kind of physical feature is most commonly used as a state boundary?
 - a. Deserts
 - b. Mountains
 - c. Water bodies
 - d. Frontiers
 - e. Burial grounds

3. _____ In 1846 the United States and Great Britain established a state border between the US and British-controlled Canada along a stretch of the 49° N latitude line. In 1899 the French and British drew a similar straight-line border between the African countries of Chad and Libya, for purposes of separating colonial territories. Both of these borders are examples of
 - a. geometric boundaries
 - b. mountain boundaries
 - c. frontier boundaries
 - d. ethnic boundaries
 - e. language boundary

4. _____ Unlike China, which employs a centralized government that establishes complete authority over all parts of the state, the USA operates both a central government (in Washington D.C.) and semi-autonomous local governments throughout its sub-states (i.e. Tennessee) and territories. Which concept below best describes the type of governing system employed by the United States?
 - a. theocratic system
 - b. unitary system
 - c. multi-national system
 - d. colonial system
 - e. federal system

5. _____ Completely surrounding smaller states within their borders, the countries of South Africa (surrounding Lesotho) and Italy (surrounding Vatican City and San Marino) are examples of
 - a. fragmented states
 - b. compact states
 - c. perforated states
 - d. landlocked states
 - e. proruptioned states

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6. _____ The map on the left illustrates the shape of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The DRC includes a narrow 300-mile extension of territory stretching west, which gives the state access to the Atlantic Ocean. As such, the shape of the DRC may best be described as
- landlocked
 - elongated
 - fragmented
 - efficient
 - perforated
7. _____ Which of the following states may suffer from poor internal communications due to its elongated shape, wherein a region at the extreme northern end may struggle to collaborate with a region at the extreme southern end?
- Rwanda
 - El Salvador
 - Chile
 - Israel
 - Spain
8. _____ The Mediterranean island of Cyprus has a “green line” wall boundary that has essentially created a state with two completely isolated nationalities. Which two ethnic nationalities are separated in Cyprus by the “green line” boundary?
- Libyans and Phoenicians
 - Italians and Tunisians
 - Israelis and Palestinians
 - Turks and Greeks
 - Moroccans and Spaniards
9. _____ The Rio Grande between the United States and Mexico is a good example of a
- cultural boundary
 - water boundary
 - desert boundary
 - geometric boundary
 - mountain boundary
10. _____ Which concept below refers to a state whose territory corresponds to the land occupied by a particular ethnic group?
- a colony
 - a city-state
 - a unitary state
 - a microstate
 - a nation-state