Creating States

Borders and the Shapes of Countries

Warm Up

 List 5 reasons why the drawing of borders (Demarcation) may lead to disputes

Types of Border

- Ethnic Borders
 - Borders that attempt to reflect the cultural differences of the people living in a particular area
 - Often leave to ethnic enclaves and exclaves
- Religious/Language Borders
 - Boundaries that divide different religious groups or language families





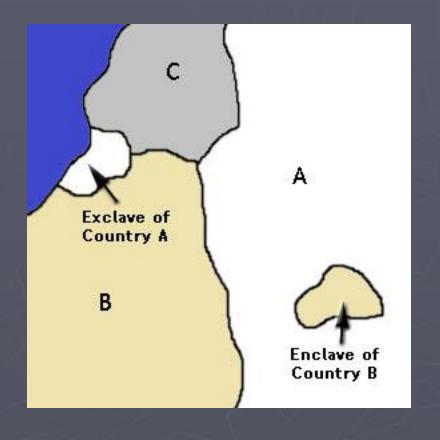
Enclaves and Exclaves

Enclaves

 Territories completely surrounded by another country but are culturally/ethnically different

Exclaves

 Regions that are geographically separated from the rest of the country but not wholly surrounded by one state



Subsequent vs Antecedent Boundary

Subsequent Boundary

- A boundary that is established after the settlement with an attempt to accommodate cultural differences.
 - Often leads to enclaves and exclaves

Antecedent Boundary

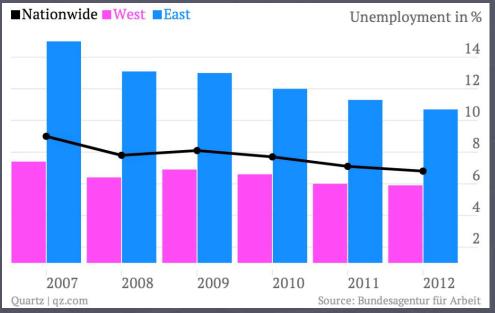
- A boundary that already existed before the present settlement in that area occurred.
 - Usually geometric borders
 - Straight lines

Relict Boundaries

 A political boundary that has ceased to function but the imprint of which can still be detected on the cultural landscape

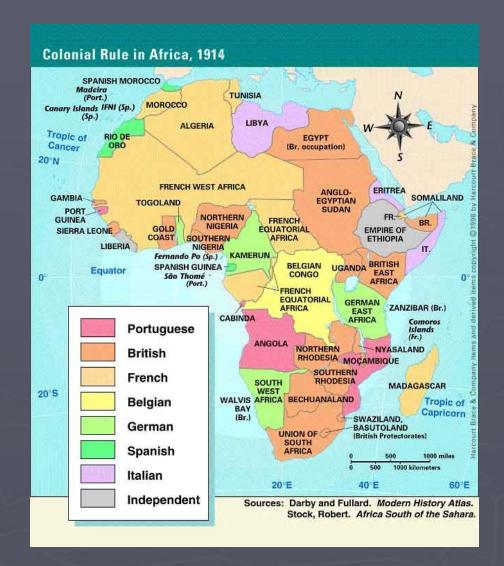
– Ex. Berlin





Superimposed Boundary

 A political boundary placed by powerful outsiders on a developed human landscape



Fortified Boundaries

 The creation of walls/barriers to either prevent foreigners from getting in, or its citizens from getting out







Maritime Boundaries

- Division of different claims to the oceans around the shores of the country
 - Generally accepted to be 200 miles
 - Water equally
 divided among
 countries located
 close to each other



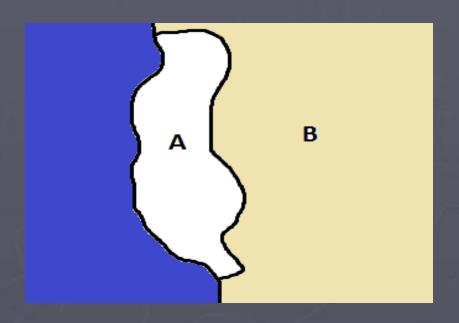
Shapes of States

 Different states have different characteristics that help them to be categorized



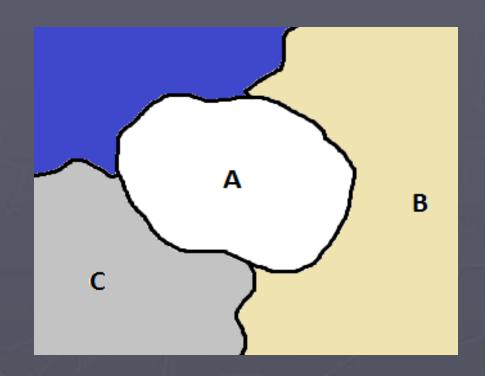
Elongated State

- States that are long,
 but not very wide
 - Bad for communication and defense



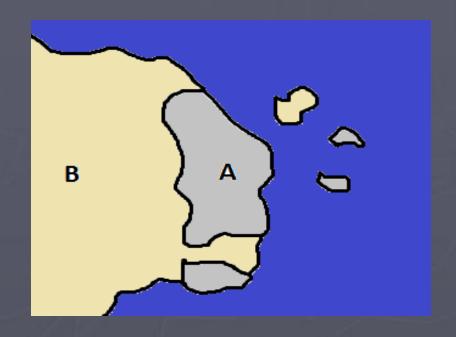
Compact State

- States that are fairly round and are more or less equal distance from the middle to all parts of the state
 - Good for communication and defense



Fragmented State

 States that are broken apart and separated from other parts either by water or by other states



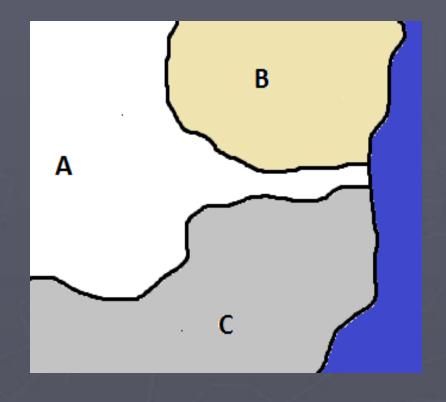
Perforated State

- States that completely surrounded another state
 - Only 3 in the world
 - San Marino
 - Vatican City
 - Lesotho
- Surrounded states rely on other countries for access to trade



Prorupt State

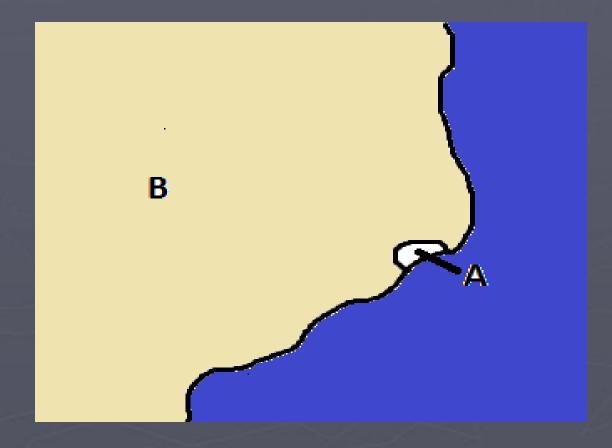
 A state with a long and narrow section of it that connects it to a resource or another country that it otherwise would not have



Microstate

A state that is very

small



Landlocked State

- A state that has no direct access to the sea
 - Rely on othercountries for access totrade

