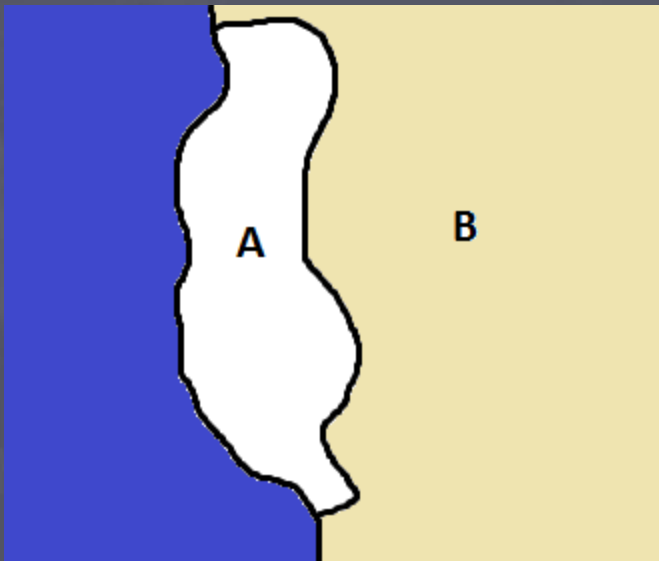


Shapes of States

Their Advantages and Disadvantages

Elongated State

- State that is geographically long and relatively narrow



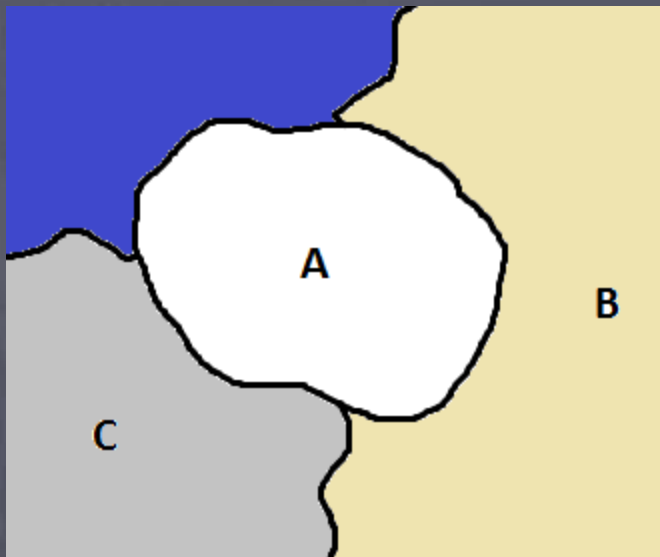
- Major Disadvantage:
 - Difficult to defend, govern, and communicate with
 - Transportation fairly simple
 - Cultural variations typical

Elongated State Example



Compact State

- The distance from the geographic center of the state to any of the borders does not vary greatly



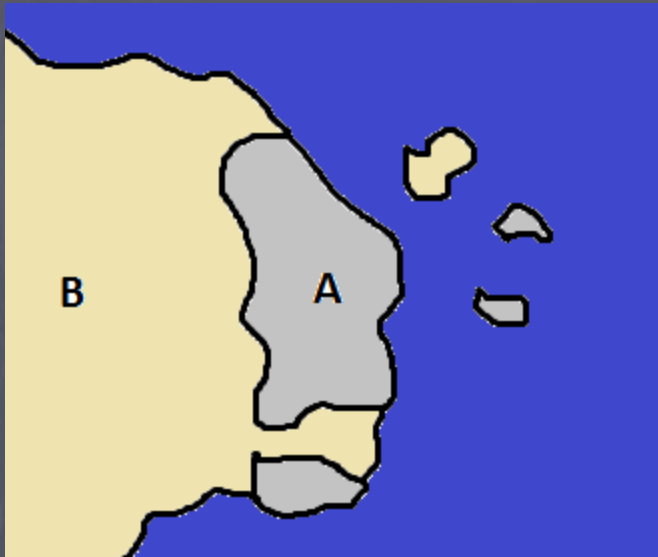
- Major Advantage:
 - Easier for defense and communication
 - Transportation fairly simple
 - Easier cultural uniformity

Compact State Example



Fragmented State

- States that are divided from their other parts by either land or other states



- Major Advantage:
 - More difficult to invade
 - Allows for more cultural diversity
 - Access to varied resources
- Major Disadvantage:
 - More difficult to defend
 - More difficult to unify culturally and politically

Fragmented State Example



Perforated State

- A state that completely surrounds another state



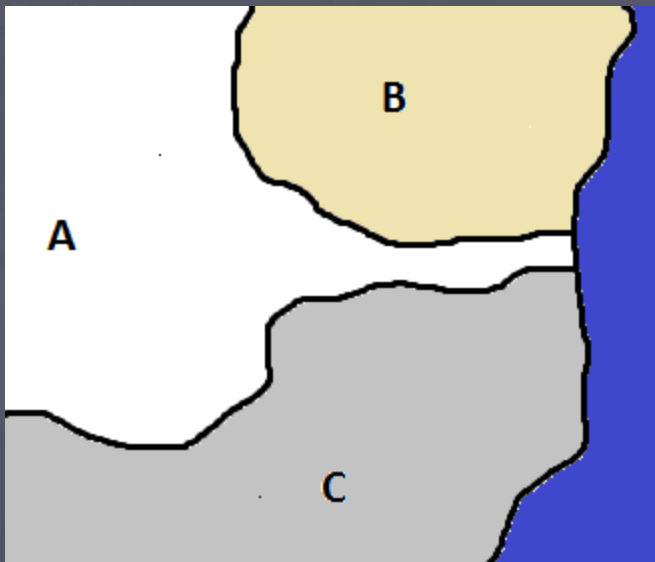
- Major Advantage:
 - Able to dictate actions of enclosed state more easily
- Major Disadvantage:
 - Can lead to internal tension and problems with enclosed state

Perforated State Example



Prorrupt State

- States that have one portion that is much more elongated than the rest of the state
 - Typically to gain access to some resource or trading route



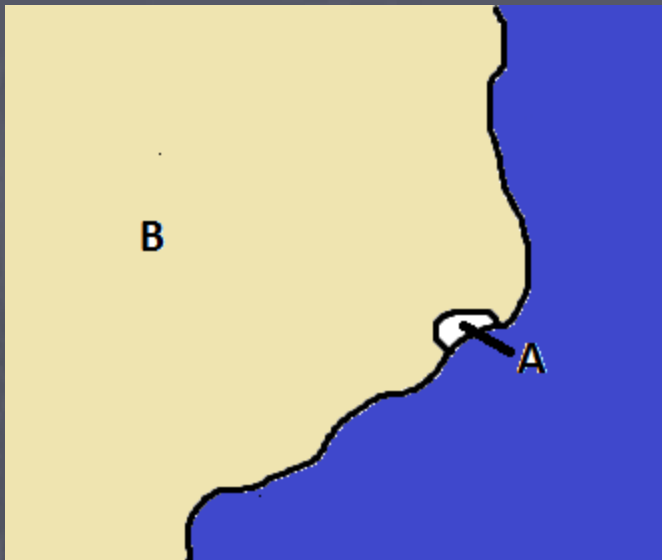
- Major Advantage:
 - Access to resources and trade not as dependent on neighbors
- Major Disadvantage:
 - Fairly easy to cut off by invading states

Prorupt State Example



Microstate

- State that is extremely small



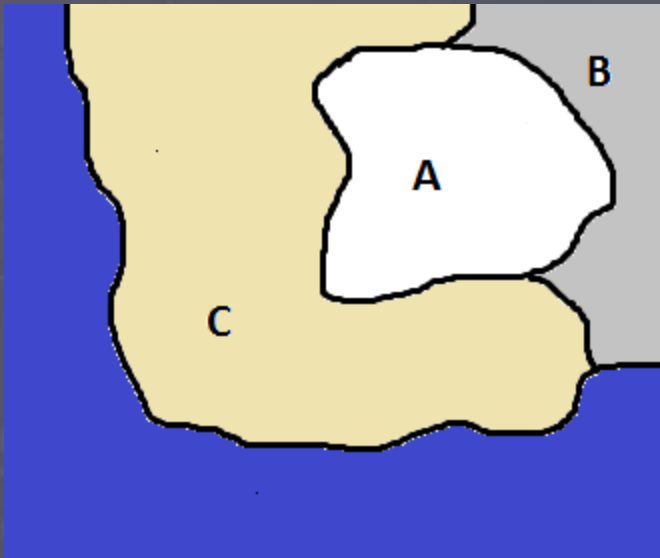
- Major Advantage:
 - Typically extremely homogenous cultural communities
- Major Disadvantages:
 - Easy to take over

Microstate Example



Landlocked State

- A state that is completely inland with no direct access to the ocean



- Major Disadvantage:
 - Reliant on neighbors for majority of international trade
 - Dependent on land based agriculture

Landlocked State Example

