

Shapes of States

Country Examples (2 each)	Vocab	Advantages / Disadvantages
	Compact: distance from geographic center of area to any point on boundary does not vary	
	Elongated: state that is geographically long and narrow	
	Enclave: portion of state that is totally surrounded by another state	
	Exclave: small portion of land is separated from the main state	
	Fragmented: state in many pieces	
	Landlocked: state not having direct access to an ocean	
	Microstate: state that is extremely small	
	Perforated: state that totally surrounds another state	
	Prorupt: state having a portion of territory that is elongated	
	Frontier: zone where no state exercises political control	

Boundary Types

Country Boundary Examples (Include 2 Examples for Each)	
	Physical: major physical feature such as a desert, mountain range, and/or water body that serves as a means of separation
	Geometric: straight line that serves as political boundaries, unrelated to physical and/or cultural differences
	Fortified: physical barrier constructed to keep people in or out of territory
	Cultural Political: political boundary that separates different cultures
	Religious: boundary that separates different religions
	Language: boundary that separates different language speakers
	Super-Imposed: boundary that has been forced upon the inhabitants of an area to solve a problem and/or conflict