

**Unit 4: Political Geography**  
**Key Concepts**

1. City-State, State
2. Ancient States, Medieval States
3. Nation States, Stateless nations
4. Self-Determination
5. Challenges in defining states
6. UNCLOS Law of the Sea
7. Multinational State, Multi-State Nation
8. Nation-State Theories- Organic, Heartland (Mackinder), Rimland Theories
9. Shapes of States- Compact, Prorupted, Elongated, Fragmented, Perforated
10. Parts of States- Frontier, Buffer State, Exclave, Enclave
11. Types of Boundaries- Physical, Antecedent, Subsequent, Cultural, Linguistic, Religious, Geometric, Superimposed, Relic
12. Types of Gerrymandering
13. Border Disputes- Definitional, Territory, Positional/Locational, Functional/Operational, Allocation/Resource
14. Regime Types- Unitary, Federal, Confederation, Anocratic
15. Sovereignty, Irredentism, Annexation, Shatterbelt, Balkanization, Hegemony, Unilateral
16. Territory, Territoriality, Supranationalism
17. Deterritorialization, Reterritorialization
18. Landlocked States
19. Micro-states
20. 8 things needed to be a state
21. Border landscapes
22. Centripetal forces, Centrifugal forces
23. Satellite States
24. Devolution
25. European Union