

**AP Human Geography**  
**Unit 4: Political Geography**

**Summary Questions**

**Directions:** After reading the Chapter 8- Political Geography Chapter Summary, answer the following questions in complete sentences using details and examples.

**Chapter 8: Political Geography**

**Key Issue #1: Where Are States Distributed?**

1. What is a state and what are two examples of states?
2. What does it mean for a state to have sovereignty? Give two examples of sovereign states.
3. Describe an example of situations in the world in which there is conflict between states over sovereignty.

**Key Issue 2: Why Are Nation-states Difficult to Create?**

4. Explain how the make-up of states has changed from ancient states to medieval states to nation states.
5. What is a nation-state and what are two examples of nation-states?
6. What is a multinational state? What is/was the largest in the world? What happened after it fell?

**Key Issue 3: Why Do Boundaries Cause Problems?**

7. Briefly describe a specific example from each of the three main categories of boundaries; cultural, geometric, and physical.
8. What is a landlocked state? Give an example of a country that is landlocked and explain some of the challenges they face.
9. What are the major differences between unitary and federal states?

**Key Issue 4: Why Do States Face Threats?**

10. Why was the United Nations created and what is its primary function?
11. What is the European Union and what is its primary function?
12. Describe two terrorist threats the United States has faced in the 20th/21st Centuries.