Unit 4 Cheat Sheet: Political Patterns and Processes

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The big idea: One question runs through all of Unit 4. What is it, and what four big ideas does the unit cover?

How to use it: Fill in every box from memory before you look anything up. Then check your answers against the full cheat sheet and star anything you missed. Those are your review targets.

KEY TERMS

States, nations, and sovereignty (Topic 4.1)

State	
Nation	
Sovereignty	
Nation-state	
Multinational state	
Multistate nation	
Stateless nation	
Autonomous region	

How the political map was made (Topics 4.2 and 4.3)

Colonialism	
Self-determination	
Territoriality	
Neocolonialism	

How the political map was made (Topics 4.2 and 4.3, continued)

Shatterbelt	
Choke point	

What boundaries do and UNCLOS sea zones (Topic 4.5)

Boundary steps	
Territorial sea	
Contiguous zone	
Exclusive economic zone (EEZ)	

Voting districts and governance (Topics 4.6 and 4.7)

Redistricting	
Gerrymandering	
Packing	
Cracking	
Unitary state	

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Voting districts and governance (Topics 4.6 and 4.7, continued)

Federal state	

Devolution: why states come apart (Topic 4.8)

Devolution	
Physical geography (devolution factor)	
Ethnic separatism	
Ethnic cleansing	
Terrorism	
Economic and social problems	

Devolution: why states come apart (Topic 4.8, continued)

Irredentism	

Sovereignty and unity (Topics 4.9 and 4.10)

Supranationalism	
Centripetal force	
Centrifugal force	
Failed state	
Ethnonationalism	

SIX WAYS A BOUNDARY GETS DRAWN (TOPIC 4.4): ONE LINE CAN FIT MORE THAN ONE TYPE

BOUNDARY TYPE	WHAT IT IS	EXAMPLE
Antecedent		
Subsequent		
Consequent		
Superimposed		
Geometric		
Relic		

DON'T CONFUSE THESE

State vs. nation	
Multinational state vs. multistate nation	

Antecedent vs. subsequent vs. superimposed	
Territorial sea vs. EEZ	
Redistricting vs. gerrymandering	
Devolution vs. supranationalism	

EXAMPLES TO KNOW COLD

The Kurds	
Belgium	
Berlin Conference (1884 to 1885)	
Scotland and Catalonia	
The EU and Brexit	

FRQ: HOW UNIT 4 SHOWS UP

PROMPT SAYS	WHAT TO DO
Identify	
Define	
Describe	
Explain	
Compare	
Explain the degree to which	

Likely Unit 4 FRQ angles

- Define devolution, and give one real example.
- Describe one characteristic of an autonomous region or stateless nation.
- Describe one reason a country claims an EEZ.
- Explain how cultural differences act as a centrifugal force that drives devolution.
- Explain how joining a supranational group can limit a state's sovereignty.
- Explain the degree to which a factor, like resource control, pushes a region toward independence.

> **FRQ rules:** Term, example, effect: name the concept, give a real place as evidence, then explain the effect on sovereignty or unity. Write in complete sentences; if a part asks for one example, only your first is scored.

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