Political Geography

How people divide the world into THEIR territories...

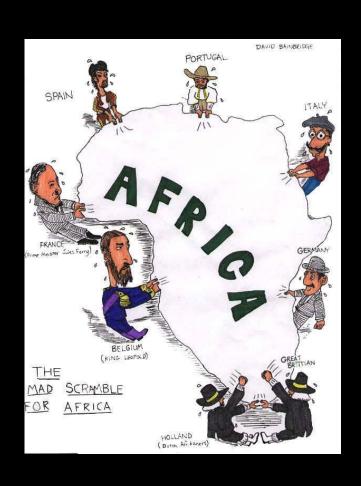
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Claiming our Territory

DOGS Humans





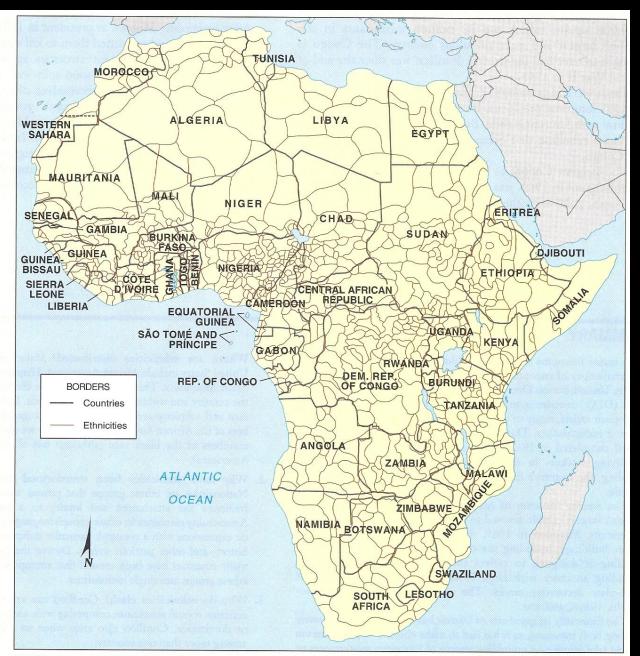


FIGURE 7–23 Ethnicities in Africa. The boundaries of modern African states do not match the territories long occupied by thousands of ethnic groups. State boundaries derive from the administrative units imposed by European colonial powers a century ago.

Day 2

Basic Definitions

State

- A space with a permanent population, territorial boundaries recognized by other states, a government, and sovereignty.
 - A synonym for STATE is COUNTRY

Sovereignty

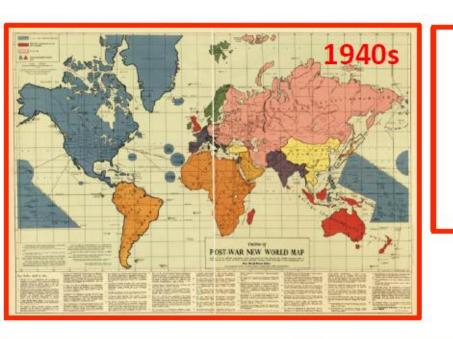
- A state has sovereignty if it has authority over its own political, social, and economic matters.
 - In other words, a country can take care of its own "stuff" without anyone else messing with their "stuff."



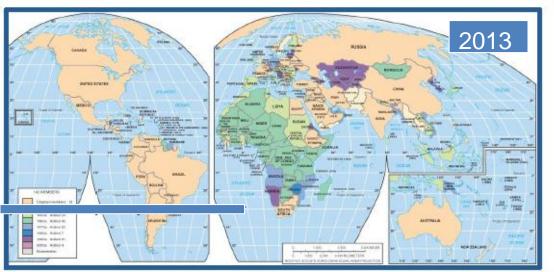
The 50 states of the U.S. are subdivisions within a single State- The United States of America

 Turn to the person next to you and brainstorm characteristics of a sovereign state.

How Many States Are There?



In the 1940s there were only about 50 States.



Now there are around 200
States.

Problems defining states... Korea

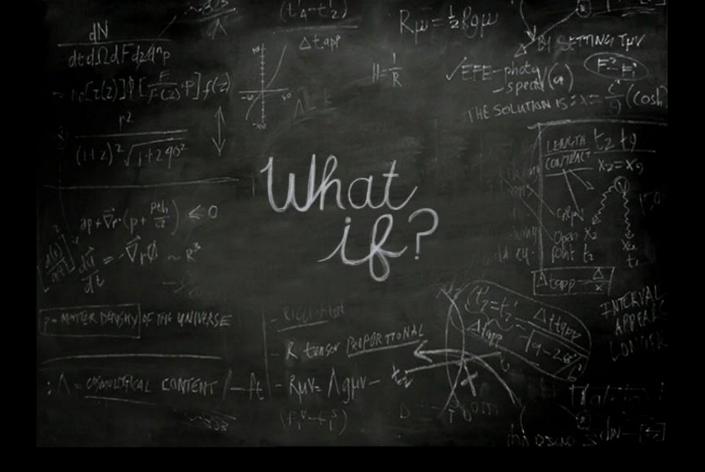




North vs South Korea

• 2 states?

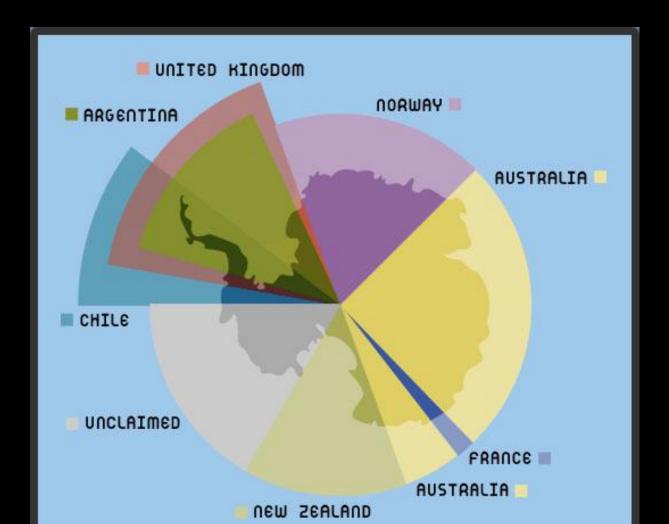
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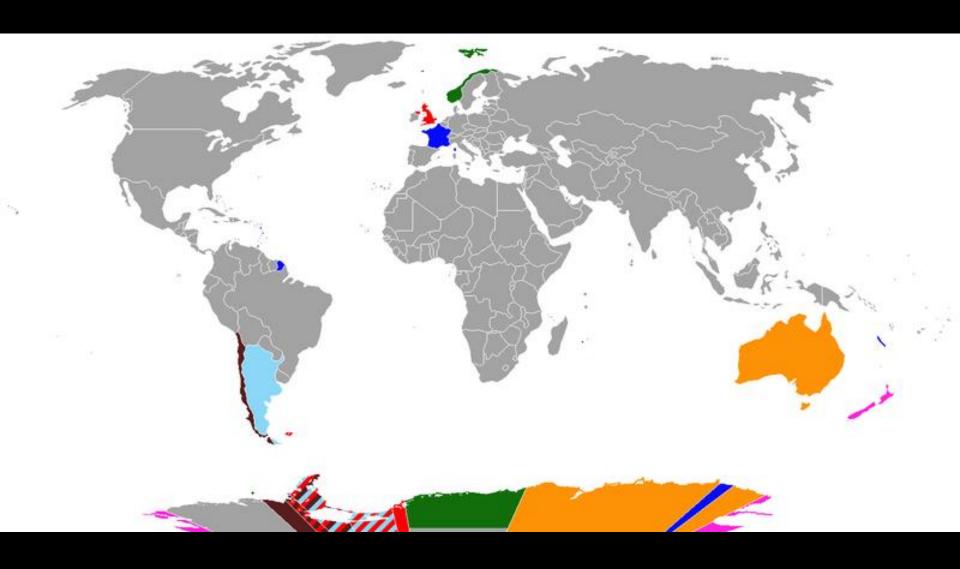
- What if the south would have won the American Civil War?
- Could two states function in the United States?

Multiple Claims for Territory Polar Regions

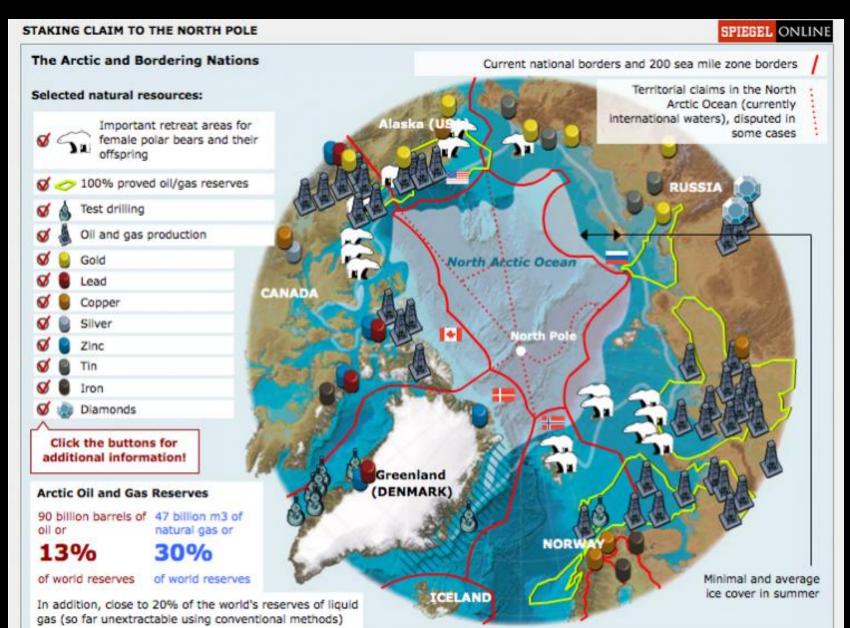
South



South Pole Claims



North Pole Claims



Varying Size of States





Development of the State Concept

Many different states is <u>recent</u> idea.

Ancient States

City-state

Sovereign state that comprises a town and the surrounding countryside



Early European States

Roman Empire



<u>Thinking Check</u>: How did we get a bizillion different states in Europe (ex. France, Spain, Germany, etc) when at one time all the land was under one ruler?

Colonies

What is a Colony?

 Territory legally tied to a sovereign state rather than being completely independent

Colonialism

• Why?

GOD, GOLD, GLORY

- 1. Christianity
- 2. Resources / markets
 - 3. Power

Colonialism

Colonialism

- Began in late 1800s
- Major Players
- Early Settlements
- Berlin Conference
- Reasons behind
 - G, G, and G



Colonialism vs. Imperialism

- Colonialism
 - Establish Settlements for Three Gs
 - Usually in unsettled or sparse settlement
 - Examples
- Imperialism
 - Controlled area of already heavily populated area
 - Examples

British Empire



Modern Impact

- Long Term Effects of Colonialism
 - Pros Vs. Cons

