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AP Human Geography

Rubenstein Chapter 8: Political Geography Guided Reading Questions

Key Issue #1

1. What term is a synonym of state?
2. Why type of “regions” do states form?
3. What is the largest state?
4. What is the smallest microstate in the United Nations?
5. About how many countries existed during World War II?
6. What does “UN” stand for?
7. What events caused the addition of new states to the UN during the 1950’s?
8. Most of the states added to the UN during the 1960’s where from which continent?
9. What events caused the addition of new states to the UN during the early 1990’s?
10. What organization did the UN replace?
11. What five nations make up the UN Security Council?
12. One state was added to the UN after 2010. What was it?
13. What is the most populous state not in the United Nations?

Key Issue #2

14. What is the world's largest island?
15. How can the three goals of colonialism be summarized?
16. What is the world's most populous colony today, and who does it belong to?
17. In what ways is Hong Kong not autonomous from China?

Key Issue #3

18. What is the "Law of the Sea"?
19. What are the five shapes of states?
20. What usually is the purpose of a Prorupted state?
21. Why were the "Arab Spring" demonstrations so successfully organized?
22. What type of government do they have in Belgium?

Key Issue #4

23. Who were the two world superpowers during the Cold War?
24. What does NATO stand for?
25. What was the Soviet military alliance called?
26. What important job fell on the European Central Bank?
27. What is the most noticeable element of cultural diversity in Europe?
28. Who was Theodore J. Kaczynski?
29. Why was Desert Storm supported by nearly every country in the United Nations?