
Issue 1: Where are states located?

- 1) Provide a definition for the word "state."
- 2) Why do the states listed below pose a problem of definition?
 - Korea
 - Taiwan
 - Western Sahara/Sahrawi Republic
- 3) What are the common characteristics of most microstates?
- 4) Discuss the most significant differences between the following ancient states (remember the impact of physical geography)
 - Mesopotamian City States
 - Egypt
 - Roman Empire
- 5) Describe the process of consolidation of European states after 1100. Which European areas did not follow the general trend of consolidation? Why?
- 6) What were the causes of European imperialism after 1400?
- 7) Describe the geographic dimensions of the following Empires:
 - British
 - French
 - German
- 8) Discuss the basic differences between the British and French systems of colonial rule. How did each system impact the native population?