



4.4 Defining Political Boundaries

Objective and Essential Learning

4.4 Define types of political boundaries used by geographers.

- Types of political boundaries include relic, superimposed, subsequent, antecedent, geometric, and consequent boundaries.



Types of Political Boundaries

Antecedent

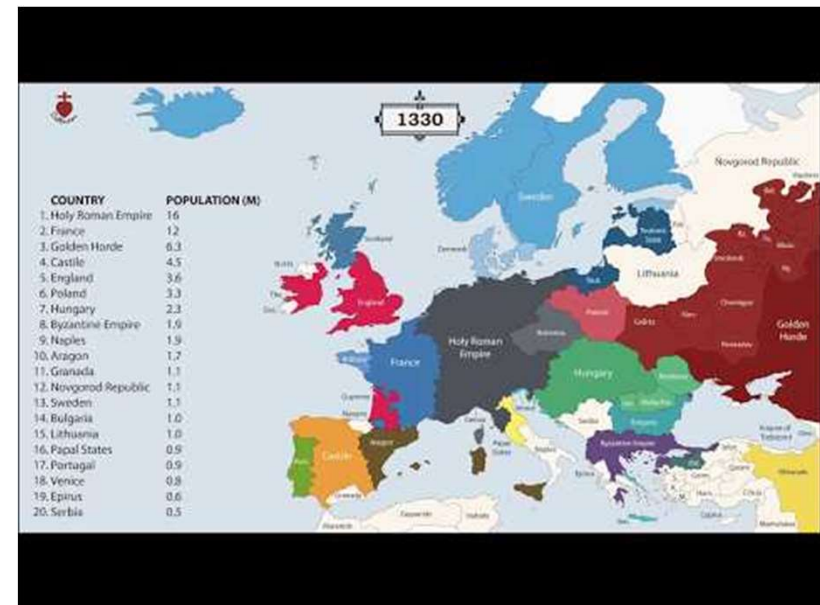
- Borders that are established before there has been major settlement by people in a territory.
- Examples:
 - 49th parallel that separates the United States and Canada



Types of Political Boundaries

Subsequent

- Borders that are drawn in areas that have been settled by people, typically due to changes that have occurred over time.
- Example:
 - Boundaries in Europe have changed frequently throughout history usually in response to a new empire, war, or political agreement.



Types of Political Boundaries

Consequent

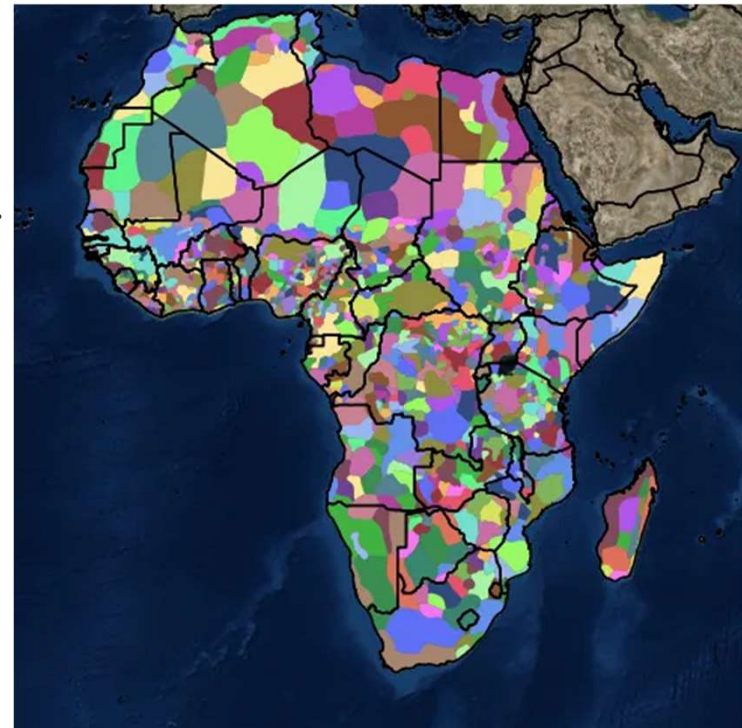
- Type of subsequent boundary - takes into account the existing cultural distribution of the people living in the territory and redevelops boundary lines to more closely align with cultural boundaries.
- Example:
 - The boundary between Nunavut and the rest of Canada - drawn in 1999, established a province that coincided with indigenous groups



Types of Political Boundaries

Superimposed

- Border that is drawn over existing and accepted borders by an outside force.
- Example:
 - The Berlin Conference imposed arbitrary boundaries throughout the continent of Africa.



Types of Political Boundaries

Geometric

- Borders that are established on straight lines of latitude and longitude instead of physical or cultural boundaries.
- Examples:
 - The Sykes-Picot agreement, Europeans split up the Arab provinces of the Ottoman Empire after World War I.
 - Established border between Saudi Arabia and Iraq
 - Also a superimposed boundary.



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Types of Political Boundaries

Relic

- Border that no longer exists, but has left some imprint on the local cultural or environmental geography.
- Examples:
 - Boundary between East Germany and West Germany during the Cold War
 - The Iron Curtain
 - The Confederacy in the US



Types of Boundaries Story Map

- Link to Story Map: <http://arcg.is/18TmrT>
- Answer the following questions as you navigate the Story Map