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**Chapter 9 Reading**

*The Shape of the Political Map*

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**The Shape of the Political Map**

1. What TWO political forms were most common from history?

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1. In the past 400 years, what FIVE things have changed the world map?

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**The Structure of the Contemporary Political Map**

1. What THREE terms do people think mean the same but don’t actually?

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**Independent States as Building Blocks**

1. What FOUR political units does a United States citizen reside in?

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1. What is the geographic definition of a state?
2. What are the FOUR criteria does a state have?

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1. How many states does the US recognize?
2. Where do Chinese Nationalists live?
3. Where do Chinese Communists live?
4. What is sovereignty?
5. What must a political unit have to be legitimate?

**Types of Political Entities**

1. What TWO terms are used interchangeably?
2. What is a nation?
3. What FOUR elements make up a nation?

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**Nation – States**

1. What is a nation – state?
2. What are the TWO best examples of a nation – state?
3. Icelanders make up \_\_\_\_\_\_% of the total population while Japanese account for \_\_\_\_\_% of the total population.
4. What TWO ways has Japan maintained such a “pure” nation – state?

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**Multinational States**

1. What is a multinational state?
2. What country is multinational?
3. What is Québec demanding?
4. What did the government do to keep Québec within its sovereignty?

**Autonomous Regions**

1. What is an autonomous region?

**Stateless Nations**

1. What is a stateless nation?
2. What TWO stateless nations are seeking independence?

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1. What is the largest stateless nation?
2. What nation – state do they want to create?

**Multistate nations**

1. What is a multi-state nation?

**Evolution of the Contemporary Political Map/ Modern Nation-State Concept**

1. What did not exist in Europe historically?
2. What TWO does the idea of nation-states catch on?

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1. What exploded in Europe in the 1800s?

**The Forces Unifying & Breaking Apart Countries**

1. What is nationalism?
2. What is centripetal force?
3. What are THREE examples of centripetal forces?

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1. What is centrifugal force?
2. What TWO centrifugal forces divide Belgium?

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**Imperialism & Colonialism**

1. What is imperialism?
2. What is colonialism?
3. What is the most relevant example today of imperialism and colonialism?

**Early Colonialism**

1. What FOUR countries began colonialism?

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1. Where did these four countries colonize?
2. What THREE things motived these countries to colonize?

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1. What justified their colonialism?
2. What happened in the Americas between the late 1700s - 1850s?

**Late Colonialism**

1. What SIX countries led the way for the second wave of colonialism?

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1. What TWO places did these countries colonize?

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1. What was the purpose of the Berlin Conference?
2. What THREE things did the Berlin Conference disregard?

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**Geopolitical Forces Influencing Today’s Map/ Modern Colonial Independent Movements**

1. What FOUR things do colonial peoples want?

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1. What is decolonization?
2. What is neocolonialism?

**Civil Wars in the Developing World**

1. Why are there many civil wars in African countries?
2. What TWO cultural groups were and still fighting for supremacy within the nation-state of Rwanda?

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1. What is genocide?

**The Cold War**

1. What is the Cold War?
2. What is a proxy war?
3. What is a sphere of influence?
4. What are satellite states?
5. Who did East Germany ally with?
6. Who did West Germany ally with?

**The Collapse of Communism**

1. What happened to Germany in 1989 - 1990?
2. How many countries formed with the collapse of the Soviet Union?

**Newly Independent States**

1. What is ethnic cleansing?

**Changes in the Balance of Power**

1. What TWO unions did newly independent states in Europe join?

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1. What TWO places have the balance of power tilted towards after the collapse of the Soviet Union?

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1. As Russia tried to regain power and influence, due to its fear of the West what TWO countries became the focus of Russian interference?

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