**Ch. 8 Political Geography**

**Key Issue 1 Where Are States Distributed?**

**Rubenstein, p.266-269**

**I. INTRODUCING POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY**

1. Define **state**:
2. How has the number of states changed over time?
3. Identify the six largest states (in order):
4. Identify the two smallest states and their size:

**II. CHALLENGES IN DEFINING STATES**

1. Define **sovereignty**:
2. States are examples of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regions.
3. Some states test the definition of sovereignty. Take notes on the conflicts below:

North and South Korea –

China and Taiwan –

Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands –

Sahrawi Republic/Western Sahara –