

UNIT FOUR: Political Organization

RUB – Chs 7 & 8; FGG – Ch 12

NOTE* Many topics/issues are covered in Feldman, Getis & Getis that AREN'T in Rubenstein for this unit. *NOTE

Wednesday/Thursday, 11/30 & 12/1/11 (Rub pgs. 230-236) (FGG pgs. 445-450)

1. EQ: What's in a state? (Geographic Characteristics of a State)
 - a. Opener: Intro Questions (examples w/partner)
 - b. State vs. Nation vs. Nation-State (overhead)
 - c. Basic characteristics of a state (4 on board)
 - i. Case Study – Stateless nation: Kurdistan (website/map)
 - d. NOTES: Centripetal forces/VIDEO: Inside North Korea
2. Vocab: state, nation, nation-state, sovereignty, stateless nation, multinational state, centripetal forces, nationalism, self-determinism

Friday/Monday, 12/2 & 12/5/11 (Rub pgs. 254-264)

1. Centrifugal Forces
 - a. NOTES
 - b. Case study: Iraq
 - i. Creating a successful Iraqi government
 - ii. Analyzing centripetal & centrifugal forces inside Iraq
 - c. Video: Children of Beslan (Russian Federation vs. Chechnya)
 - d. Vocab: centrifugal forces, reunification, microstates, city-state, colonialism, imperialism

Tuesday/Wednesday, 12/6 & 12/7/11 (Rub pgs 272-274, FGG pgs. 453-454 & 458-462)

1. DUE: CHAPTER 8 ONLINE QUIZZES (Concept Review/Thinking Spatially)
2. India: Centripetal/Centrifugal Activity
3. EQ: How can the internal organization of a state lead to cohesion or division?
 - a. Government structure & locating a capital
4. Vocab Work (time remaining)
5. Vocab: federal, confederation, unitary, capital, core/periphery, forward capital, exclusive economic zones, gerrymander, electoral regions, reapportionment

Thursday/Friday, 12/8 & 12/9/11 (Rub pgs 264-267, FGG 450-453 & 462-466)

1. Devolution
 - a. Brief Notes
 - b. Power of Place Video (w/video quiz sheet)
2. Size, shape, location – Shape Graphic organizer
Vocab: enclave/exclave, compact, fragmented, elongated, prorupt, perforated, landlocked, devolution, regionalism, separatism