Borders Notes

Political Borders
✓ Boundary lines that are used to separate political jurisdictions.

Types of boundaries:
✓ Physiographic
  • Relief: Mountains, Ridgelines, etc.
    ➢ Examples: China – Nepal; Montana – Idaho;
  • Hydrology: Rivers and lakes
    ➢ Examples: Paraguay – Argentina; Kentucky – Ohio

✓ Anthropogeographic (Cultural)
  • Follow ethnic, linguistic, religious, or other cultural boundary
    ➢ Examples: England – Scotland; India – Pakistan

✓ Geometric
  • Straight lines: Longitude and Latitude
    ➢ Examples: USA – Canada; Saharan boundaries

Time of Boundary Creation
✓ Antecedent boundaries
  • defined before main elements of present-day cultural landscapes were developed.
    ➢ Examples: Western State boundaries

✓ Subsequent boundaries
  • defined after human settlement.
    ➢ Examples: Most boundaries of the world, especially Anthropogeographic boundaries

✓ Superimposed boundaries
  • boundaries that disregard existing human landscape distributions.
    ➢ Examples: Most African boundaries, Ireland – Northern Ireland.

✓ Relic
  • an abandoned boundary not currently serving a political function.
    ➢ Examples: Great Wall of China, Hadrian’s Wall (Scotland).