How human activities are affected by borders:

1. When borders are drawn after the cultural patterns have been established (subsequent border), the border will reinforce and intensify the cultural patterns.
   a. When India gained its independence, the area was split into Muslim (Bangladesh, Pakistan) and Hindu (India) areas.
      i. Muslims moved from India to Bangladesh and Pakistan
      ii. Hindus moved from Bangladesh and Pakistan to India
   b. After WWII, borders were drawn around language areas
      i. This action reinforced the language divisions as they existed

2. When borders are drawn before the culture has been established (antecedent border), the cultural patterns that evolve will reflect the influence of boundaries.
   a. US and Canada both built transcontinental railroads near their border with spur lines the mostly go up to, but do not cross the border.

3. When borders are drawn without regard to the existing cultures (superimposed border), the border disrupts the human patterns.
   a. The Maasai in Africa, a nomadic herding culture, had their migratory patterns changed when their homeland was split between Kenya and Tanzania.
   b. The Kurdish homeland was split between 4 different countries when Europeans drew boundaries in the Middle East.

4. When borders are abandoned (Relict Boundaries), the cultural patterns will reflect the boundaries as they once existed.
   a. Hadrian’s Wall, built by the Romans, reinforced the differences between Scottish and English culture during the Roman Empire. These differences persisted after the fall of the Roman Empire.