**THE NATURE OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES**

Political Boundaries

1. What is the definition of a "political boundary"?

2. What purpose do political boundaries serve?

3. Do geometric political boundaries effectively separate people? Why or why not?

4. What impact could/does a border such as the one dividing the United States with Mexico have on the lives of people on either side of the boundary?

Shapes of States (Provide 3 examples for each)

5. Compact:

6. Prorupted:

7. Elongated:

8. Fragmented:

9. Perforated:

Geometric & Physical Boundaries (Provide 3 examples for each)

10. Relatively Straight borders running north/south:

11. Relatively Straight borders running east/west:

12. Mountain ranges as borders:

13. Bodies of Water as borders:

14. Countries separated by an exclave:

15. Man-made boundaries (relic or functional):