Political Geography

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Key Terms

• State: Independent unit that occupies a specific territory and has full control of its internal and external affairs

• Nation: Group of people with a common culture living in a territory and having a strong sense of unity
Governments

• Democracy: Citizens hold political power either directly or through electing representatives.

• Monarchy: A ruling family headed by a queen or king that hold political power and may or may not share power with the citizens.
Governments Cont.

• Dictatorship: An individual or group holds all the power in the country
• Communism: All power is held in the governments hands in the name of the people
Key Terms cont.

• Landlocked: A country surrounded by land no water border
• Natural Border: A boundary based on a physical landform like a river
• Artificial Border: A fixed line like a line of latitude or longitude.