

**Chapter
8**

**Geopolitics, the New World Order,
and the Viability of the State**

Political Geography 4

Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

Geopolitics

• Define: classical geopolitics - _____

• Describe the German School (of thought) through Friedrich Ratzel's "organic theory" - _____

• Briefly discuss the concept of Lebensraum, and its historic influence - _____

• Describe the British School (of thought) through Sir Halford Mackinder's Heartland Theory -



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• Describe the American School (of thought) through Nicolas Spykman's Rimland Theory (not in the text) - _____

• Define: critical geopolitics - _____

• Discuss ONE example in which the United States has developed an "us" versus "them" mentality - _____

The New World Order?

- Define: geopolitical world order - _____

- Briefly discuss how the world emerged into a “new world order” after the collapse of the Soviet Union - _____

- Define: unilateralism, and describe ONE outcome of a U.S. policy or action that favored this approach - _____

- Briefly discuss ONE geopolitical issue facing the world currently - _____

- Define: supranationalism, and state the meaning of a supranationalist organization - _____

- Discuss how the League of Nations failed, and was replaced by the United Nations - _____

- Describe Benelux, and explain how this customs union emerged into the European Union - _____

- Identify ONE advantage and ONE disadvantage for the member states of the European Union - _____

- Define: deterritorialization, and state ONE factor leading toward this trend –

- Define: reterritorialization, and state ONE factor leading toward this trend –

