

**Chapter
8**

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

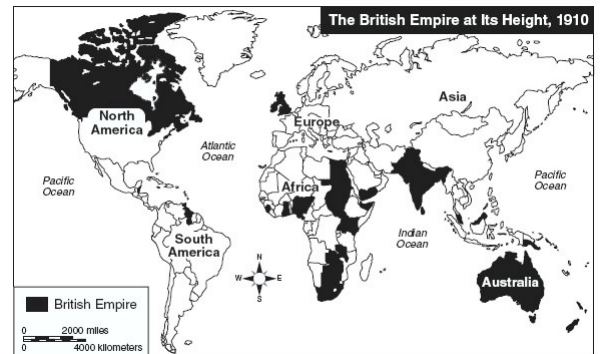
Political Geography 4

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

How Does the Study of Geopolitics Help Us Understand the World?

• Define: classical geopolitics - _____

• Describe Alfred Mahan's theory of Sea Power (*not in the text, but in the video*) - _____



• 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, but in the video*) – _____



- Define: critical geopolitics – _____
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- Discuss ONE example in which the United States has developed an “us” versus “them” mentality - _____
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The Geopolitical New World Order

- Define: geopolitical world order - _____
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- Briefly discuss how the world emerged into a “new world order” after the collapse of the Soviet Union - _____
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- Define: unilateralism, and describe ONE outcome of a U.S. policy or action that favored this approach - _____
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- Briefly discuss ONE geopolitical issue facing the world currently - _____
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