

Guided Reading

A. Seeing Patterns Use the chart below to better understand the patterns of how geographic characteristics affect nations.

Characteristic	Conclusion
Size	1.
Shape	2.
Location	3.
Natural Boundaries	4.
Artificial Boundaries	5.

B. Finding Main Ideas Use the chart below to write a brief definition explaining each term.

1. state	2. nation
3. nation-state	4. stateless nation
5. democracy	6. monarchy
7. dictatorship	8. communism

C. Map and Graph Skills Use the map on page 84 of your textbook to answer the following questions.

1. Region What are the natural boundaries of North Korea?

2. Movement What geographic factors favor the movement of ideas and people between China and North Korea?

Reteaching Activity

Reading Comprehension Find the missing word or phrase that best completes each of the sentences below. Write your answers in the blank.

1. Governmental units of the world can be described in either political or geographic terms. Generally, we use the political term _____ to describe an independent unit that occupies a specific territory and has full control of its internal and external affairs.
2. _____ refers to a group of people with a common culture living in a territory and having a strong sense of unity.
3. All countries must choose a type of government. In a _____, citizens hold political power either directly or through elected representatives.
4. In a _____, a ruling family holds political power and may or may not share the power with citizen bodies.
5. In a _____, an individual or group holds complete political power.
6. _____ is a system in which nearly all political power and means of production are held by the government.
7. Three geographic characteristics are important in describing a country: _____, _____, and _____.
8. Boundaries or borders set the limits of the territory controlled by a state. A _____ boundary is based on physical features of the land, such as rivers, lakes, or mountain chains.
9. An _____ boundary is a straight line generally following latitude or longitude lines.
10. The three most common local units of government are _____, _____, and _____.