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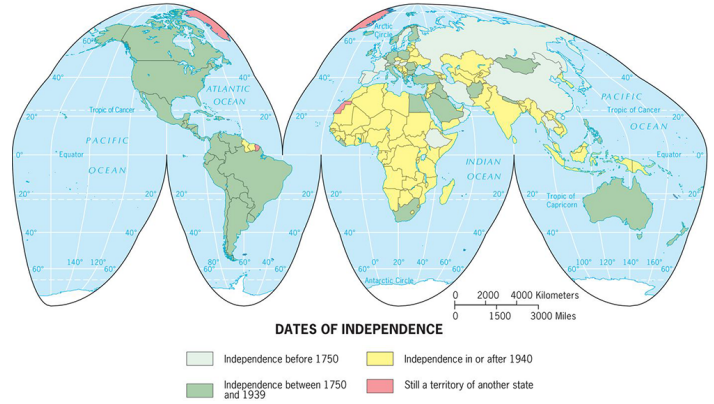
**State Organization and Evolution**

**Political Geography 1**

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

**How is Space Politically Organized Into States and Nations?**

- Briefly discuss how political independence has been easier to achieve than economic independence through decolonization:



- Define: political geography - \_\_\_\_\_

- Define: state - \_\_\_\_\_

- Define: territoriality - \_\_\_\_\_

- Define: sovereignty - \_\_\_\_\_

- Briefly discuss how the decline of feudalism and the pursuit of mercantilism helped lead Europe toward modern statehood - \_\_\_\_\_

- What were the key elements of the Peace of Westphalia? \_\_\_\_\_

- Define: nation and give ONE example - \_\_\_\_\_

- Define: nation-state and give ONE example - \_\_\_\_\_

• Define: democracy - \_\_\_\_\_

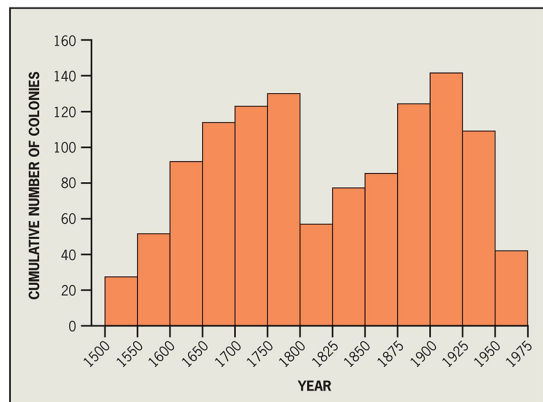
• Discuss ONE way in which leaders use nationalism to increase loyalty toward the state: \_\_\_\_\_

• Define: multinational state and give ONE example - \_\_\_\_\_

• Define: multistate nation and give ONE example - \_\_\_\_\_

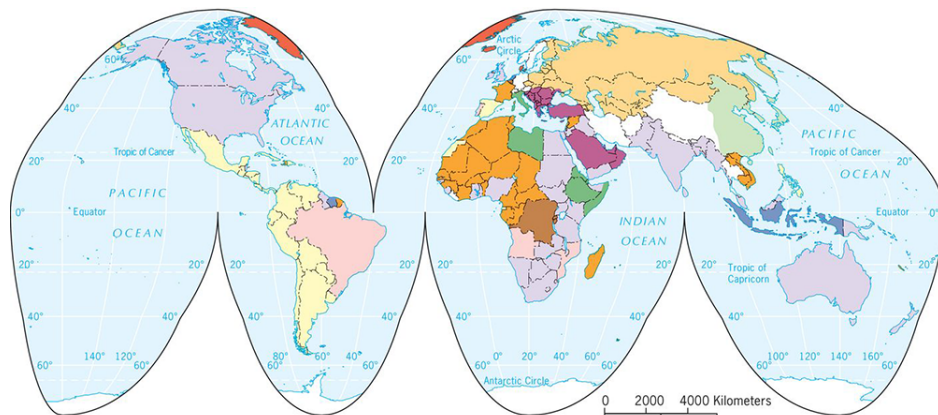
• Define: stateless nation and give ONE example - \_\_\_\_\_

• Briefly discuss the motivations for the European Age of Colonialism and subsequent decolonization (1500 -1825) - \_\_\_\_\_



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**DOMINANT COLONIAL INFLUENCES OVER FOUR CENTURIES, 1550-1950**  
(including mandates)

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|---------------|-------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Great Britain | Portugal    | Italy  | Japan                            |
| France        | Netherlands | Turkey | Denmark                          |
| Spain         | Belgium     | Russia | Not colonized by Europe or Japan |