What is a State?

Territory:

A state needs land that has boundaries and that people can inhabit.

Sovereignty

A state needs supreme power within its own boundaries to enforce laws, trade with other countries, and defend its borders.

Population:

A state needs people.

# Creating a

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# State

Government

A state needs to be organized politically. Different types of governments exist.

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