

## Newland- The Boundary Challenge

As members of a specialized group of geopolitical strategists, we were commissioned to outline where boundary lines should be drawn for the state of Newland. Newland just gained its independence from the colonizing nation of Strassa. With many ethnic groups spread across Newland, we had to minimize the number of conflicts that could arise, and make borders accordingly. Along with conflicts between ethnic groups, there were a couple other factors we had to consider such as which groups would get ownership of the resources and the strength each group had. If groups are politically stable, we did not want to make too many changes as to which resources they will get ownership of, and where they will live. If ethnic groups were very protective of resources, and were willing to go to militaristic lengths, we gave them what they needed. ♥ Let's start with the land of the Neps. As everyone knows there is 3 500 000 Neps and they were the first ones to settle in Newland. Because of the big population, the Neps have been given a large land mass. The Neps are farmers and cattle raisers which is why they have been given the coastal plain farming and some nomadic herding space. Since the Neps are interested in expanding their control of nearby oil and gold deposits, we have given them an opportunity to do so. Since the Neps are interested in challenging the Flans for their land to include the Neps who reside there, we decided to give the Neps the Northern portion of Flanland because we did not want conflict to arise, and the Neps were indigenous to that land. As a group we figured that since the Flans are concerned with the Neps constantly crossing the former border, giving the Neps that land and creating a new firm border would be beneficial, especially because the Neps are more powerful than the Flans. ♥ Now we're going to talk about the Mins. The Mins are mostly farmers so they have been given a lot of coastal plain farming. There is 1 000 000 Mins so this is an appropriate amount of space for them. They are concerned that the Bins will take over the remaining farmland, but since we did not want to hurt the Bin's economy we gave them farmland, but a distance away with Sheltered Bay acting as a barrier between the 2 countries. ♥ Since the Bins want both fishing and farming, they have been given lots of coastal area, and a plot of farmland. Since there is only 1 000 000 Bins they do not need a great amount of land. They have full control over their countries land, and an agreement with the Mobols was made to protect their ancient burial grounds on the largest island. ♥ The Mobols, another population of 1 000 000 have a fragmented country. It has land on the coast of Sheltered Bay and the Mobols

own all of the islands. Since they are predominantly fishermen, we have given them lots of areas to fish, although all saltwater has been declared as international waters.♥The Tropes are not part of Newland, but are neighboring it and have been granted with more land and forest from Newland, in respect that there will still be Soares living on their land. The border is now clear, and there are no laws against logging, as this is their economy.♥ The Soares are our most ecofriendly group. With respect to the population of 500 000, laws have been made in their favor. The boarder the Soares have with Tropia has been clearly made by a geometric vertical boarder, then a cut through an opening in the tropical rainforest so that the Tropes can be sure they are not stealing resources. The Soares were also concerned about the Butes damming the Butaine River, and causing flooding, so a law has been passed that the Butes can only dam the Bindle River. We are keeping the group of Soares on the Tropia border because the Newland Soares rely on this group to try and peacefully persuade the Tropes not to continue logging. ♥ The Butes are the wealthiest nation of modern Newland. Considering they will go to militaristic lengths, we decided to make this group as happy as we could. We gave them all of the resources they requested, and are allowing them to have the whole Bindle River to dam. Geographically, the Biggles of Bigland could not sustain themselves, and since the Butes are inclined to help them through cultural heritage, we have decided that the 2 ethnic groups will become one big country. This country supports 2 500 000+ people. It provides the gold and freshwater the Biggles need, and creates a strong military between the 2, allowing the governments of these nations to accept and help the other. ♥ The 500 000 Standies live in a porupted country. They have a land agreement to protect their ancestral roots, and also have access to oil, an area for nomadic herding and the ocean. Although the Standies are too poor currently to develop any of their resources, we still are giving them resources to support them in the time when their economy booms! ♥ We hope as a group that the United Nations agrees with our borders, and that they encourage trading, as many countries have different resources than others. We would like the trading to be beneficial, so we request for the safety of the newly decided region of Newland, that the United Nations keep a close eye on any possible conflict that could happen. There is a lot of migration that needs to happen with the Bins, so we suggest the United Nations focuses a lot of its attention into making the Bins as happy as they can, although they do already have all of the resources they need. We have constructed the Newland to the best it can be. You know we did. Thank You