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China is a nation because its peoples have (sometimes against their will) to be under a single government, the Chinese central government. They also share other things in common, such as Confucianism or Daoism or etc, and also roughly the same language roots.

Egypt is a nation because its people share enough traits to identify themselves as Egyptian. The majority of people speak Arabic, and celebrate the same customs.

Ancient Babylonia was not a nation because it really ended just being a cultural city.

Tribes of Hebrews are not a nation because they do not inhabit a large enough space with a large enough government institution. They are treated as a group by religion alone.

Tribes of Arabs are not a nation because they are too small in population and too sparse. They are treated as a group by religion alone.

France is a nation because it has a various mix of people who believe themselves to be French.

England is a nation because it has many people of different mixtures in one place bonded under the English name as opposed to their religion or race.

Switzerland is the same thing, they speak a common language and consider themselves to be Swedish no matter how mixed up they are.

USA is a nation because it is formed out of many different groups of people who consider themselves to be an American citizen despite their differences.

Sparta was not a nation, it was a city-state. While the culture their dominated their lives, they were too small and lacking in mixture (probably).

Ethnic and civic nationalism are greatly different. Ethnic nationalism states that a nation is based of its language, customs, traditions, and language. People are united by common characteristics they share as people. This may propagate any societal divisions that already exist. Civic nationalism is based off people uniting under a nation's political policies. These people do not define the nation but rather unite under it.