

Physical geography and borders

Worksheet B

The North Sea

Humans have divided land into governed territories for centuries. However, what happens if the body of water needs to be divided because of natural resources? This is what happened in the North Sea after oil was discovered in the 1960s. The countries that surround the North Sea such as the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and Norway have divided up the claim. Answer the following questions:

1. Do you think the way the North Sea was split up was fair to all countries? Why? Why not?
2. How do you think this may affect the relationships between these countries?
3. Are there any other areas of Europe that have been divided between multiple countries?