

Gerrymandering Thinking Question

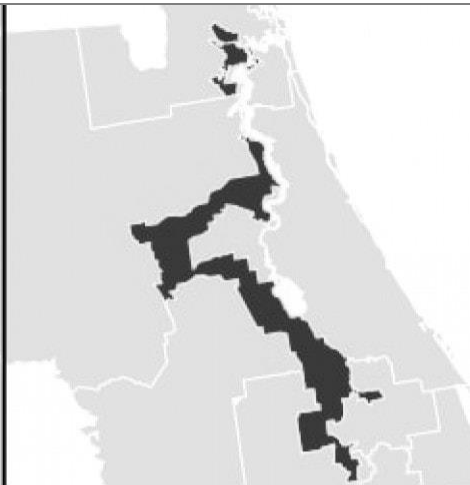
1. In 2012, Democrats won in **nine of the 10** most-gerrymandered districts. But **eight out of 10** of those districts were drawn by Republicans. Explain why Republicans likely did this.

2012's Most Gerrymandered Districts

North Carolina's 12th district



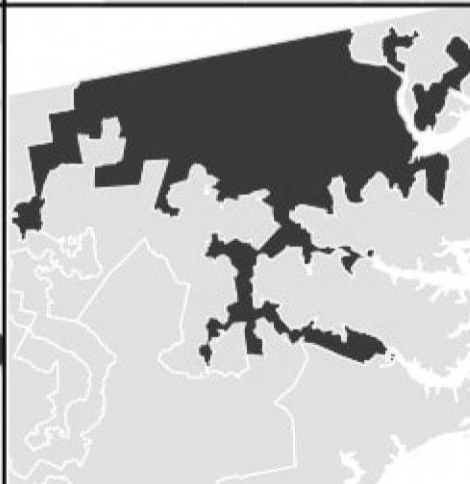
Florida's 5th district



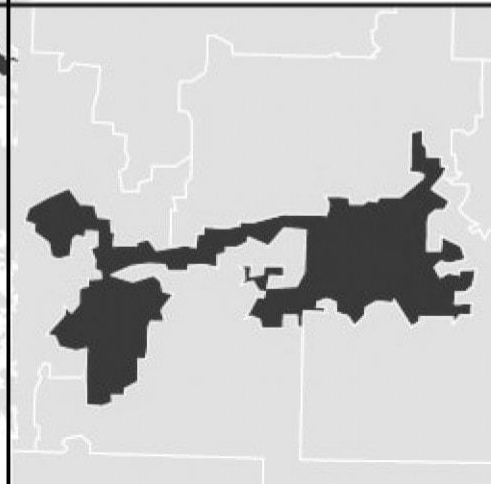
Pennsylvania's 7th district



Maryland's 3rd district



North Carolina's 1st district



Texas's 33rd district

Gerrymandering Scenario:

There are **34** Democratic squares and **30** Republican square in the hypothetical state of Bosworthistan below. Each **district** must contain **eight contiguous squares**.

Do now: Draw **eight** districts of **eight** contiguous blocks each with the goal of maximizing total gains for your party.

The (Democrat-controlled) State of Bosworthistan

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The (Republican-controlled) State of Bosworthistan

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