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Devolution Overview

Directions: Read the prompts and write clear, thoughtful responses. Use complete sentences and explain your ideas fully.

1. In your own words, explain what **devolution** means within the United Kingdom.
2. Describe one reason Scotland sought greater self-rule in the late twentieth century.
3. Explain how the creation of the **Scottish Parliament** changed Scotland's ability to make decisions.
4. What type of powers were given to **Wales** when the Welsh Assembly was first established, and how did these powers expand over time?
5. Describe the role of the **Northern Ireland Assembly** and why power sharing is an important feature of its government.
6. How does devolution allow the three nations to address issues differently from England? Give one example.
7. Why does the UK still remain a single country even though some powers are devolved?
8. Compare the level of self rule between Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Which has the most authority and why?
9. Explain one challenge that can arise when different nations within the UK make different policies.
10. In your own words, describe why devolution matters for understanding modern UK politics.