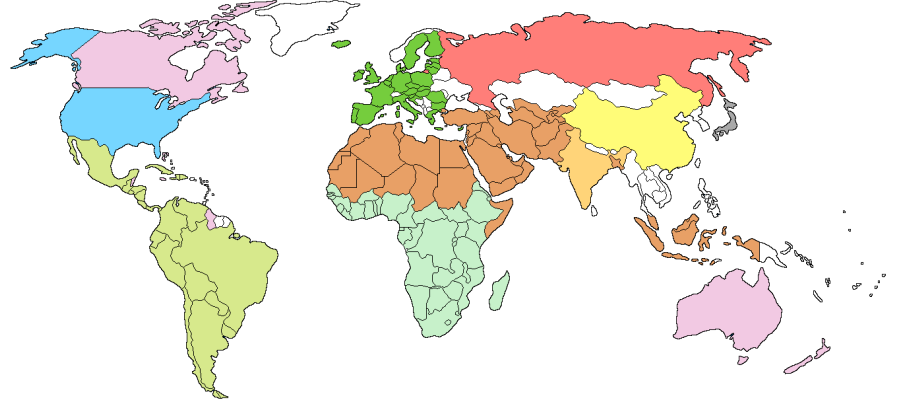


Part 1: Cultural Blocks and Anchor Facts

1. What are the ten major cultural blocks as shown on the map below? Which are the “cardinal” cultures of the world, and what does that mean?



2. Draw a diagram of the cardinal cultures of world history in the space below. Label the lines, and indicate the dates of the *six* cardinal anchor facts of Chinese history. Also label the *period* between the first two facts.

Part 2: The Cardinal Anchor Facts of Chinese History

3. What is “benevolent despotism”? Who codified it in China? Give two examples—with dates and the names of those involved—from early and modern history that show how this concept of government has been consistently followed in China for its entire history.

4. When did China’s traditional government first fail in its assigned role of “benevolent despot”? Using the anchor facts you have learned, tell the story of how this led to communism.

5. What is the utopian view of communism? What is the reality of communism as a form *government* in history? Refer to any facts we have discussed about China in particular.

6. What is the idea of the “Middle Kingdom”? How are the Great Wall of China, the Chinese response to the arrival of Europeans, and the “Made in China” phenomenon all connected to this idea?
