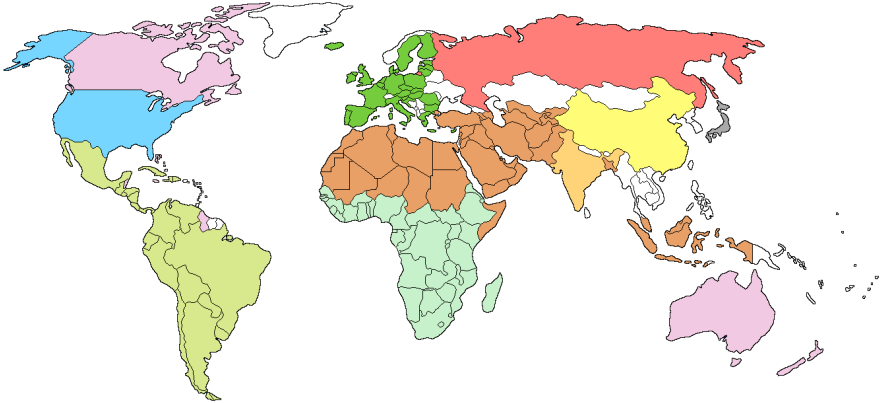


Part 1: Cultural Blocks and Anchor Facts

1. What are the ten major cultural blocks as shown on the map below?



2. Draw a diagram of the cardinal cultures of world history in the space below. Label the lines, and label the diagram with the dates of the five cardinal anchor facts of Chinese history.

Part 2: Chinese History

3. What is “benevolent despotism”? How and when did it begin in Chinese culture?

4. In what war did China’s traditional government fail to be a “benevolent despot”? After this war and the Chinese Revolution, what happened to make communism the new form of government?

5. What is the rule that people would live by under communism, according to Karl Marx? Who imposed this idea on China as a form of government?

6. What is the idea of the “Middle Kingdom”? What has happened since 1978 that makes China more like the “Middle Kingdom” it used to be?
