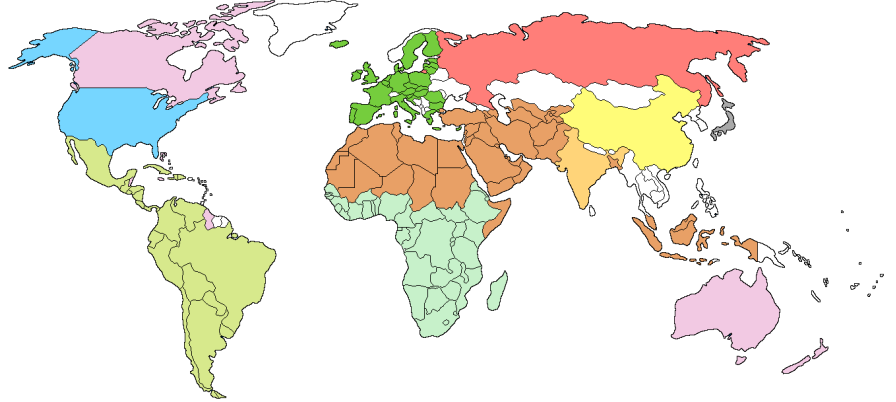


Part 1: Cultural Blocks and Anchor Facts

1. What are the ten major cultural blocks as shown on the map below? Which are the “cardinal” cultures of the world?



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: The Cardinal Anchor Facts of Chinese History

3. What is “benevolent despotism”? How did it begin in Chinese culture? Explain how Deng Xiaoping was a benevolent despot.

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 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”? When did China stop being the “Middle Kingdom”? What is the observable fact in all of our homes that shows that since 1978 China has achieved great success like the old Middle Kingdom it used to be?
