

Global History - Mr. Ott

**The Myth of Continents**

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences in detail.

(DOK2) 1. Make a prediction as to why the title of this lesson is called “The Myth of Continents”?

(DOK1) 2. In our “PERSIA” lesson we determined that “social” means?

(DOK2) 3. So, what do you predict that a “social construct” would mean?

(DOK1) 4. How many continents are there?

(DOK3) 5. How does your knowledge of continents compare with that of Morris in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence?

(DOK1) 6. What do the Olympic Rings represent? Why?

(DOK1) 7. What does bias or biased mean?

(DOK2) 8. What word does Morris consider biased? Why?

(DOK3) 9. How does Morris explain the problem with Europe as a continent?

- (DOK3) 10. How does Morris explain the reason why the term “continent” has been explained? What point-of-view does he mention.
- (DOK3) 11. How does Morris explain “environmental determinism”?
- (DOK2) 12. What does the term “geographic determinism” as coined by Jared Diamond in his book “Guns, Germs, and Steel” mean? (Think last year’s course)
- (DOK3) 13. How does Morris’ “environmental determinism” compare to Diamond’s “geographic determinism”?
- (DOK2) 14. What is Morris’ conclusion of the correct or non-baised way of organizing people geographically?
- (DOK4) 15. How do you think this concept about the “Myth of Continents” is an enduring issue? That is an issue which will be debated and changed over time.