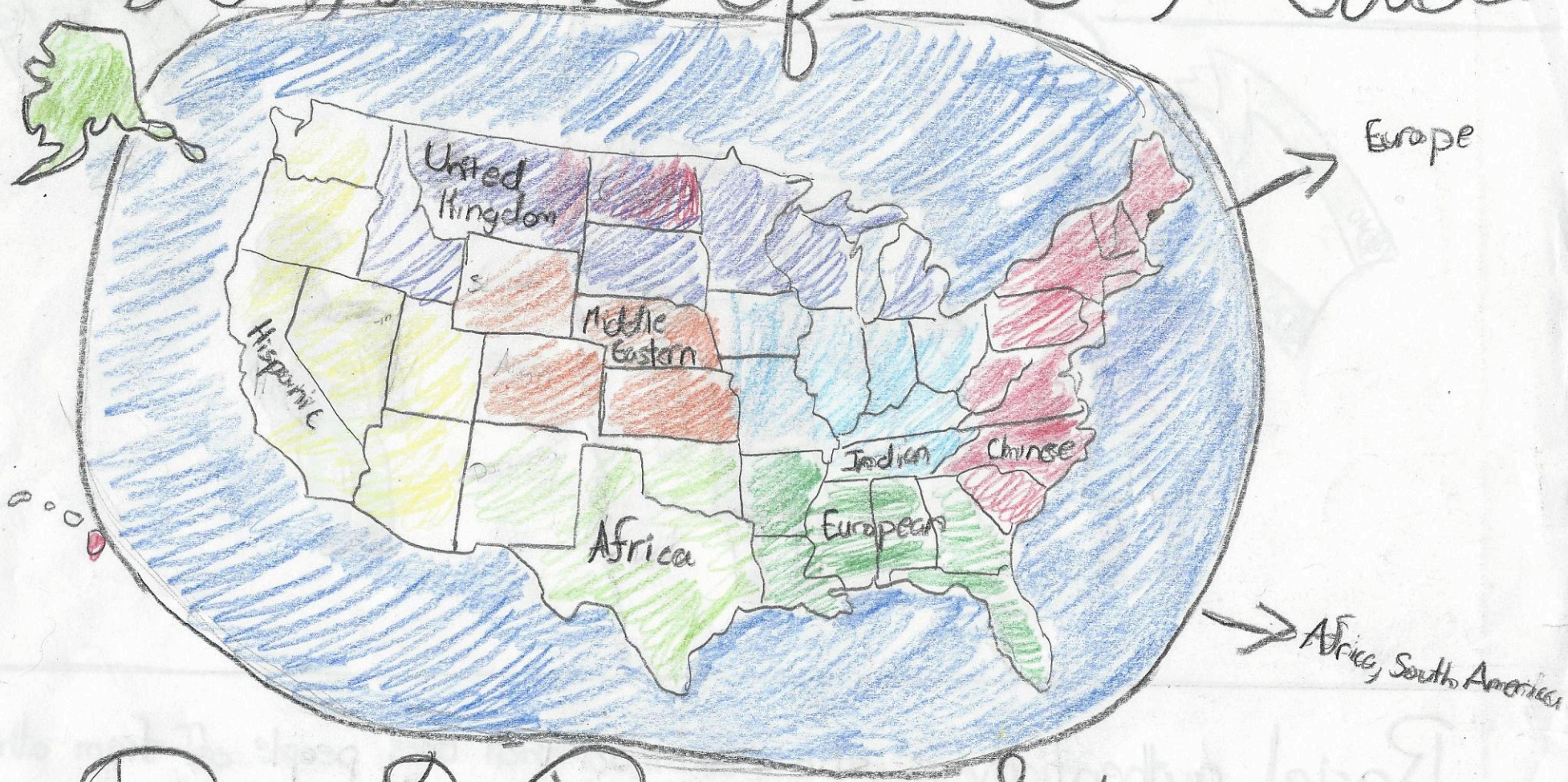


What Defines Race?



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Argument



Racial authenticity is also a construct that bars people off from others in a society & can't change their position in society easily.

My Experience w/ "Authenticity"



My first friends from my neighborhood were also my first real experiences with who I was based on my skin color. They challenged my beliefs of who I thought I was compared to what they thought I was. They were judging me on my skin color, I was judging myself completely intellectually. It was the first time I really acknowledged my skin color.

My Identity (Racial Identity)



I am black, but I am not shaped by what people want to see.
I am my own person & I found my ethnic identity through my own personal
experiences & no one else's.