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Abstract: This presentation will review the tracing of my family history of my mother's (Slovenia) and father’s ancestry (German/Slovak). This will include explanations of a "mythical" (perceived) family history prior to my dna testing and will include presentations/discussions of key historical events that involved/impacted my ancestors including the Great Leap Forward (50,000 years ago); ancient battles with Roman Legions; The Mongol Invasion; the European Revolution of 1848; WW I; and WW II. A power point with photos will compliment family stories complete with an intro to dna haplogroup membership of my four grandparents and their family histories dating back to Africa 180,000 years ago. It will end with how I integrated this into lessons/units leading to expanded collaboration with local global studies social studies teachers. Discussion with audience will follow about human origins; global migration, origins of life, origins of human culture, and the eternal search to define who we are.