

(4) The lack of close connection and steady coherency of the facts treated in any topic.

(5) The failure to use maps, to make them concrete and real rather than purely formal and symbolic.

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