

Regional Outline for Latin America

	8000 – 600 CE	600 – 1450 CE	1450-1750 CE	1750 – 1914 CE	1914 - Present
Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The leaders are related to divinity (priests) - Hierarchal system 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrival of Cortes (1518) - Annihilates existing political system - Codified laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colonization - Implement own government (Europeans immigrate) - Religion (Catholic) plays a strong influence in gov't 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decolonization - Majority rules - Series of juntas/dictatorships
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Little trade - Internally based - Mostly agriculture - Large marketplaces 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cortes – trading - Encomiendas - Haciendas - Trade of crops - Brought beasts of burden → improved agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improved technology - dependent - Europe sucks natural resources/profits - monoculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Europe cannot maintain - Monoculture - Difficulty industrializing - Heavily dependent on natural resources (Venezuela)
Social Class/Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - priests rules - hierarchal - patriarchal (though women appreciated) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more hierarchal (by race) - depreciation of women (European influence) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued hierarchy - New castes created (creoles, mestizos) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society opens up - More egalitarian - Some meritocracy - Existing racism
Science/Inventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calendar - No wheels - Road system - Chinampas 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - medical advances (longer life span) - Wheel brought in (levers, pulleys) - Brought in writing system (for Incan empire) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - primitive anesthesia - tools for probing, incision, organ extraction - blood letting - transfer of European inventions/influenced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - innovation continued - beginning industrialization - extracting natural resources - science/inventions gotten through trade
Art/Architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ziggurats - Religion-based 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Western/religion (Christian based) art - Mix of original Spanish and Western art 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combination of European, indigenous, and Christian arts.
Empire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aztecs - Incas - Mayans - Toltecs, etc. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decimated (guns, germs, steel) - Iberian rule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spanish/Portuguese empire - Treaty of Tordesillas (1494) - Portuguese King moves to Brazil - Some French influence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - split into many countries - General Boliva: legacy of anti American, influenced many countries - No strong institutions due to dependency
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animism - Polytheism - Worship of nature, etc. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - West considered Gods - Lose belief in previous Gods - West brought Christianity - Influenced (little syncretism: superstitions created) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christianity heavily encouraged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Atheism agnostics increased - Legacy of Catholicism - Society more free to choose religion