

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