## Regional Outline for Latin America

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| **Politics** | - The leaders are related to divinity (priests)  
- Hierarchal system | - Arrival of Cortes (1518)  
- Annihilates existing political system  
- Codified laws | - Colonization  
- Implement own government (Europeans immigrate)  
- Religion (Catholic) plays a strong influence in gov’t | - Decolonization  
- Majority rules  
- Series of juntas/dictatorships |
| **Economy** | - Little trade  
- Internally based  
- Mostly agriculture  
- Large marketplaces | - Cortes – trading  
- Encomiendas  
- Haciendas  
- Trade of crops  
- Brought beasts of burden → improved agriculture | - improved technology  
- dependent  
- Europe sucks natural resources/profits  
- monoculture | - Europe cannot maintain  
- Monoculture  
- Difficulty industrializing  
- Heavily dependent on natural resources (Venezuela) |
| **Social Class/Gender** | - priests rules  
- hierarchal  
- patriarchal (though women appreciated) | - more hierarchal (by race)  
- depreciation of women (European influence) | - Continued hierarchy  
- New castes created (creoles, mestizos ) | - Society opens up  
- More egalitarian  
- Some meritocracy  
- Existing racism |
| **Science/Inventions** | - Calendar  
- No wheels  
- Road system  
- Chinampas | - medical advances (longer life span)  
- Wheel brought in (levers, pulleys)  
- Brought in writing system (for Incan empire) | - primitive anesthesia  
- tools for probing, incision, organ extraction  
- blood letting  
- transfer of European inventions/influenced | - innovation continued  
- beginning industrialization  
- extracting natural resources  
- science/inventions gotten through trade |
| **Art/Architecture** | - Ziggurats  
- Religion-based | - Western/religion (Christian based) art  
- Mix of original Spanish and Western art | | - Combination of European, indigenous, and Christian arts. |
| **Empire** | - Aztecs  
- Incas  
- Mayans  
- Toltecs, etc. | - decimated (guns, germs, steel)  
- Iberian rule | - Spanish/Portuguese empire  
- Treaty of Tordesillas (1949)  
- Portuguese King moves to Brazil  
- Some French influence | - split into many countries  
- General Boliva: legacy of anti American, influenced many countries  
- No strong institutions due to dependency |
| **Religion** | - Animism  
- Polytheism  
- Worship of nature, etc. | - West considered Gods  
- Lose belief in previous Gods  
- West brought Christianity  
- Influenced (little syncretism: superstitions created) | - Christianity heavily encouraged | - Atheism agnostics increased  
- Legacy of Catholicism  
- Society more free to choose religion |