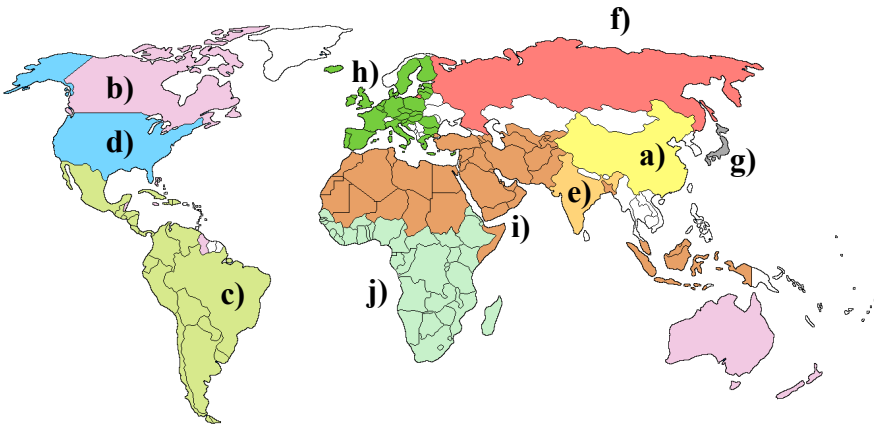


Part 1: The World We Live In

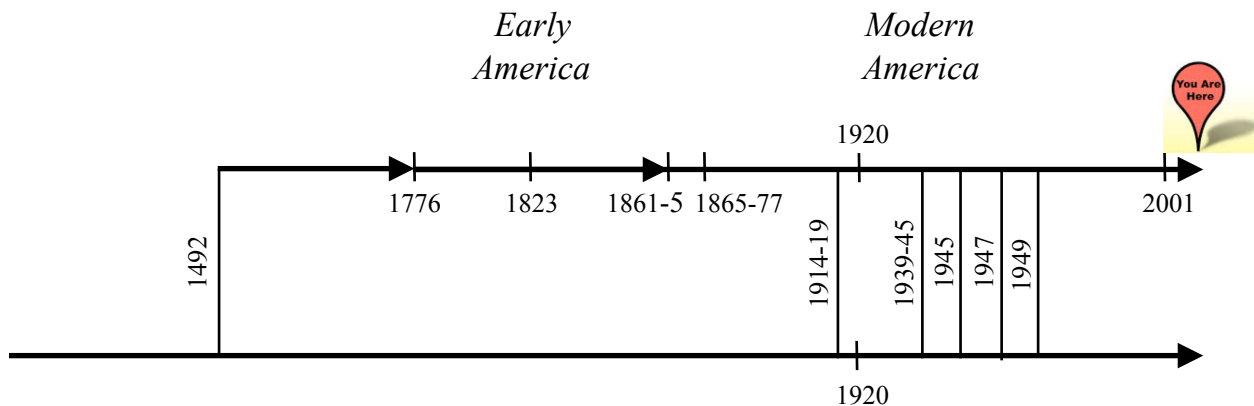
1. Name all the labeled major cultural blocks indicated that are part of the world we live in, and answer the prompts in the briefest way you can.



- a) China (0.5 pts)
- b) Anglophone (0.5 pts)
- c) Iberosphere (0.5 pts)
- d) United States (0.5 pts)
- e) India (0.5 pts)
- f) Russia (0.5 pts)
- g) Japan (0.5 pts)
- h) European Union (0.5 pts)
- i) Islamic civilization (0.5 pts)
- j) Sub-Saharan Africa (0.5 pts)

Part 2: The Anchor Facts of America and the World We Live In

2. Use the following timeline to answer questions on the next page.



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- a) What anchor fact is the reason for all the other connections between Europe and America, and how?

There would be no United States at all, and no connections between Europe and America, if it were not for the European discovery of America. The anchor fact that makes it all possible is the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492. **(3 pts: 1 pt for discovery of America; 1 pt for Christopher Columbus; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

- b) What two anchor facts explain America's extended separation from Europe in its early history, and how?

America was separated from Europe because in 1776 its leaders declared independence by the *Declaration of Independence*. The separation continued with the Monroe Doctrine of 1823 that said America wished to maintain political separation. **(3 pts: 1 pt for Declaration of Independence; 1 pt for Monroe Doctrine; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

- c) What was the first part of the transition from *Early America* to *Modern America*? What anchor facts show it, and how?

The first part of the transition from *Early America* to *Modern America* was the abolition of slavery and the adoption of civil rights. This is shown through the Civil War (1861-5) in which the two sides fought over slavery and Reconstruction (1865-77) where the constitution was changed by amendments that abolished slavery and provided civil rights. **(4 pts: 1 pt for abolition of slavery and adoption of civil rights; 2 pt for Civil War and Reconstruction, and especially amendments to constitution; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

- d) What progression of three anchor facts show America's complete acceptance of political interconnection, and how?

After World War II, America committed to political interconnection. It joined the United Nations in 1945, which showed the acceptance of internationalism as an approach to peace, then Harry Truman announced the Truman Doctrine to stop the spread of communism in 1947, and finally America agreed to protect Europe through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1949. **(3 pts: 1 pt for United Nations; 1 pt for Truman Doctrine; 1 pt for NATO; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

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Part 3: Interconnectivity

3. When things or people have at least one link between them, we say they are “connected.” Why is this word not enough in situation like how America is connected to the rest of the world. Give examples of the types of connections that exist to other cultures. What word do we use in this case, and what does it mean?

America is not connected to the rest of the world by one link or in just one way. It has many connections and many kinds of connections to the rest of the world. It is possible to *travel* to and from the United States to anywhere in the world. It is possible to phone or e-mail or otherwise socialize with technology. We buy and sell products to the world, and we can learn languages others speak. Terrorism and war are examples of cultural connections that are negative. The word we use to capture this reality, which means “multiply and complexly connected,” is “*interconnected*.” (5 pts: 1 pt for many / many kinds of connections; 1 pt for interconnected; 2 pts for at least two examples; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)

4. Why is it difficult to grasp the meaning of the term “Western Civilization”? What cultural blocks make up “Western Civilization” today? What is meant by “Westernization”? Give examples of how the governments of other cultural blocks reflect it.

It is difficult to grasp the meaning of the term “Western Civilization” because it denotes a set of many and diverse cultures, widely dispersed around the world, over a long period of time. The four cultural blocks that mainly compose Western civilization today are: the United States, the Anglosphere, the Iberosphere, and the European Union. In addition the other cultures of the world have become “Westernized,” which means they have adopted Western ideas and values, such as science & technology. In addition, Western ideas of government now predominate in the world. India and Japan, like the West, has adopted democracy. China, for its part has chosen communism, also a Western idea. (7 pts: 1 pt for size and complexity of the West; 0.5 pts for each of the four; 1 pt for adoption of Western ideas/values; 2 pts for two examples from among India, China, and Japan; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)

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Part 4: The Discovery of America

5. It is believed that a European monk named Brendan may have sailed to America during the Dark Ages. If it were proven that he did, how might it affect the Columbus controversy? How would it change *history*?

If it were proved that a monk named Brendan sailed to America, this would become a new *fact* of history, and it would have some effect on how some people think of history. For those who assign significance to the voyage of Leif Erickson this would be particularly true. They would have to abandon the view that he discovered America and transfer credit to Brendan. Others, in particular those who reject the idea of crediting Europeans with any discovery, would find nothing of significance. From the History At Our Perspective, the only question to answer would be: did such a voyage change the world we live in in any important way. Because history is the *explanation of the world we live in*, facts do not “change history” unless they really matter, thus any voyage of Brendan’s would be a minutia worthy of little attention—and certainly *not* an anchor fact of human life on Earth. **(5 pts: 3 pts for discussing the three ways of looking at the question; 1 pt for using the History At Our house definition of history to explain; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

6. How many cultural blocks of the world would not exist the way they are now, if it were not for Christopher Columbus’s discovery of American in 1492? (Use the map on the front page to help you decide and explain.)

Christopher Columbus discovered America for Spain, which created the Iberosphere. That is one block that would not be the way it is. The other two main blocks that were created after the European discovery of America were the Anglosphere and the United States, because these were created when England decided to shape America after Columbus’s discovery as well. **(4 pts: 1 pt for each of Iberosphere, Anglosphere, and United States; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

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