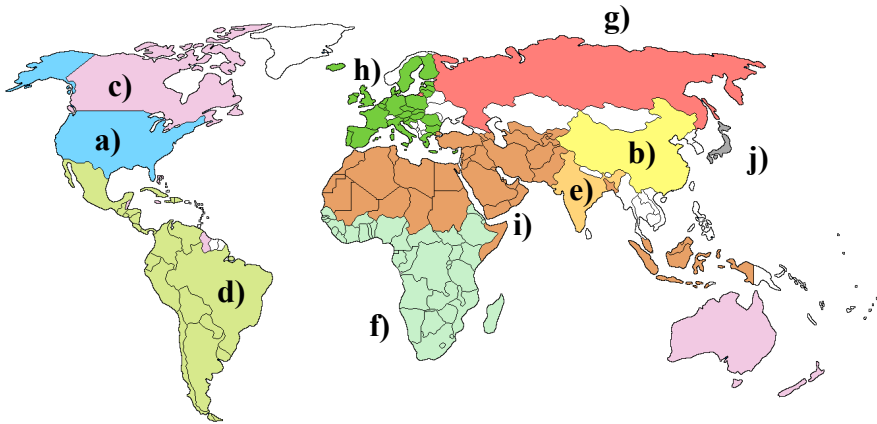


Part 1: The World We Live In

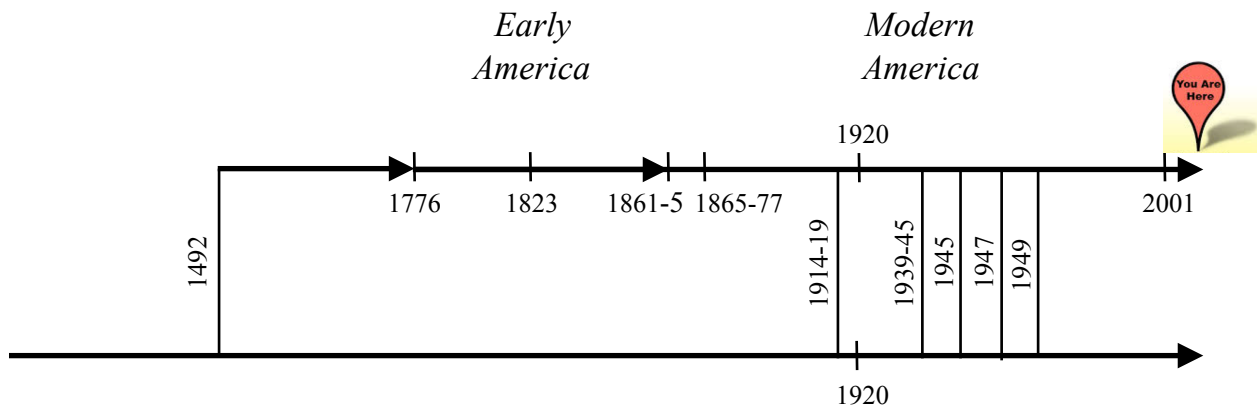
1. Name all the labeled major cultural blocks indicated that are part of the world we live in.



- a) _____
- b) _____
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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.



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

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

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

d) What three anchor facts show America's complete acceptance of political interconnection?

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. What word do we use in this case, and what does it mean?

4. What four cultural blocks are the main ones that make up “Western Civilization” today? What does it mean to say that the other blocks have been “Westernized”?

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 would this change history? (Hint: use your definition of history to decide.)

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 America in 1492? (Use the map on the front page to help you decide.)

Part 5: Bonus

7. What large river did Columbus find in South America?

8. What ancient Greek geographer made maps of the world that people still relied on before Columbus?

9. What does NATO stand for?
