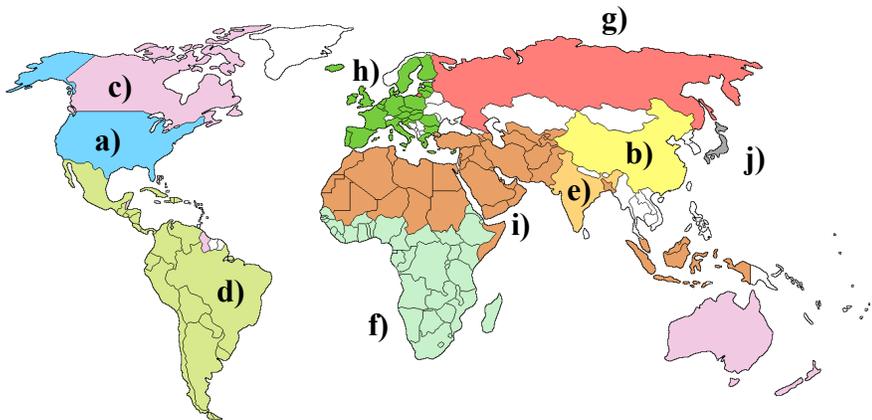


Part 1: The World We Live In

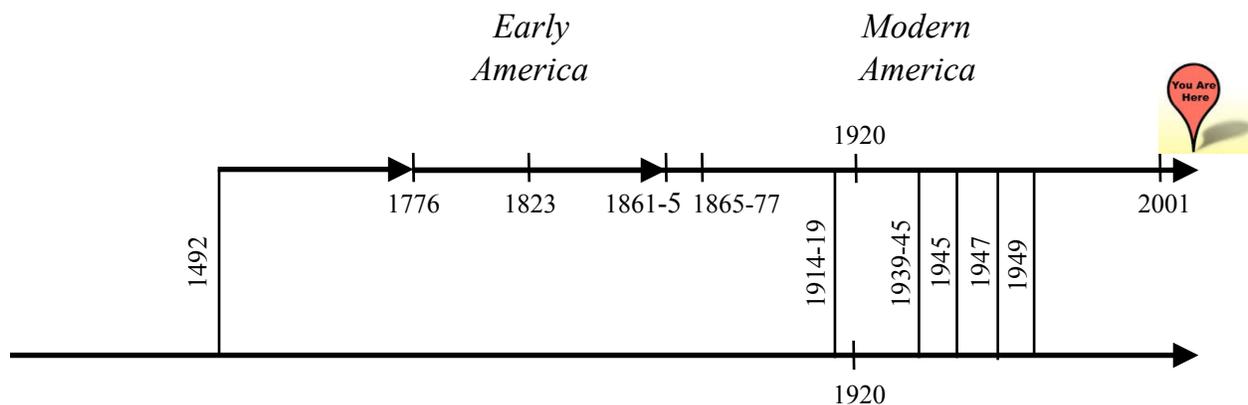
1. Name all the labeled major cultural blocks indicated that are part of the world we live in.



- a) United States (0.5 pts)
- b) China (0.5 pts)
- c) Anglophone (0.5 pts)
- d) Ibersphere (0.5 pts)
- e) India (0.5 pts)
- f) Sub-Saharan Africa (0.5 pts)
- g) Russia (0.5 pts)
- h) Europe (0.5 pts)
- i) Islamic civilization (0.5 pts)
- j) Japan (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 Doctrein; 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?

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 show through the Civil War and Reconstruction. **(3 pts: 1 pt for abolition of slavery and adoption of civil rights; 1 pt for (Civil War and) Reconstruction; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

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

After World War II, America committed to political interconnection. It joined the United Nations in 1945, 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. 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. The word we use to capture this reality, which means “multiply and complexly connected,” is “*interconnected*.” (3 pts: 1 pt for many / many kinds of connections; 1 pt for interconnected; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)

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”?

The four cultural blocks that mainly compose Western civilization today are: the United States, the Anglosphere, the Ibersphere, and the European Union. The other cultures of the world have adopted Western ideas and values, such as science & technology and democracy, and this is what we mean by saying they have been “Westernized.” (4 pts: 0.5 pts for each of the four; 1 pt for adoption of Western ideas/values; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)

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.)

If it were proved that a monk named Brendan sailed to America, this would become a new *fact* of history, but it would not 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. (3 pts: 1 pt for not changing the world we live in; 1 pt for definition of history; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)

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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.)

Christopher Columbus discovered America for Spain, which created the Ibersphere. 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 Ibersphere, Anglosphere, and United States; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

Total Points This Page: 4 pts

Part 5: Bonus

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

Orinoco (0.5 bonus points)

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

Ptolemy (0.5 bonus points)

9. What does NATO stand for?

"North Atlantic Treaty Organization" (0.5 bonus points)

Total Bonus Points: 1.5 pts

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