

**Part 1: Facts Practice**

1. In the top half of the page draw a timeline of Western Civilization with colors to symbolize the different branches of that culture, tick-marks to highlight the most important events, and labels for the essence of each culture today. Below the diagram, give a brief account of what happened when it comes to each fact indicated, and why each one still matters *today*. (In other words, make sure you don't just write what and when, but also *why it matters!*)

**Part 2: Western Civilization**

2. What is Western Civilization? Use a metaphor of your choice to characterize the history of Western civilization.

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3. What explains the 1) diversity, 2) geographical extent, and 3) the common denominators in terms of modern forms of government, of the cultural blocks of Western Civilization?

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**Part 3: Mexico and the Iberosphere**

4. What context helps explain the brutality of the Spanish conquerors of America? What else explain the ease with which they were able to overwhelm the empires of the Americas?

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5. What series of events explains the independence and character of the Bolivarian Iberosphere? Give examples of characters and ideas from the across the spectrum of its cultures.

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6. How has Bolivarianism manifested itself over the course of the past century? Why?

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**Part 4: Canada and the Anglosphere**

7. Canada is a bilingual country. What does that mean? What events in its history contribute to this unique cultural trait?

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8. Why is it hard to specify when Canada became independent? What are the main milestones?

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9. What does it mean to say that Canada is a *post-imperial* culture? Give at least two examples of events or elements of its culture that reflect this idea.

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