Regional Outline for the United States of America

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|  | 8000 – 600 CE | 600 – 1450 CE | 1450-1750 CE | 1750 – 1914 CE | 1914 - Present |
| Politics | Decentralized tribes and villages led of chiefs | Decentralized tribes and villages led of chiefs | Exploration/Colonization by mostly northern European nations (France, England, Dutch)  -English colonial politics based on strong local government | Emergence of England as preeminent colonial power American Revolution = 1776 (Confederation more centralized presidential democracy) Civil War | Cold War (world = ideological battlefield b/w USSR and US)  ‘Police officer/Peace negotiator of the world’ **WWII *-*** second global war - fight over various stimulus (WWI, Great Depression, etc.) |
| Economy | Highly localized agriculture | Even though less so economy is still rather localized agriculture | Incorporation into global trading network Beginning of Columbian Exchange (African slaves to southern plantation, etc) | 1800s = Initial industrialization of textile→ full fledged industrialization  -Tech spurred improvement of infra | Interwar Period = Great Depression (protectionism) Rebuilding after WWII Economic globalization |
| Social Class/Gender | (Most likely) Patriarchal | Patriarchal | Now, based on European social system: patriarchal | Racism among peoples, particularly toward African Americans  -Industrialization = women’s rights slowly ^ | Acceleration of women’s rights (suffrage, divorce, economic rights, Feminism)→ Greater civil liberties (Civil Rights Movt) |
| Science/Inventions | For the most part, behind the rest of the world (Cause: geographical location = independent invention) | Still behind for the same reasons (Some astrological technology diffused from Mesoamerica) | Huge one-way technological diffusion to Native Americans from Europeans | Tech spurred improvement in infrastructure (rail)  -Industrialization = new technology | Various tech that improved econ; Military weaponry Physics (A-bomb) (Einstein), Rocketry (Space race), Computer (Internet) TV (global viewing of pretty much anything and everything - phenomenon) |
| Art/Architecture | Architecture: Crude, natural materials for basic shelter  Art: If any, probably based on nature | Moundbuilders of North America (current day Mississippi area) | European based art (paintings, engravings) and architecture | American regionalism, expressionalism (Hopper, Rockwell), and  abstractionism (O’Keefe, Dove, Burchefield) | Architecture = steel, larger building  Art New, independent form of American writing, movies, art, etc |
| Empire | N/A | N/A | European colonial empires (biggest = New England) | Expansionist domestic policy (expansion into West);Isolationist foreign policy (Hesitant to enter WWI) Spanish Am. War=the US Empire (Monroe Doctrine) | WWI-WWII (expansion b/c of conflict w/ Axis) Cold War (world = ideological battlefield b/w USSR and US)→ ‘Police officer/Peace negotiator of the world’ |
| Religion | Most likely, animism | Animism | New religion/ religious fervor (Pilgrims) / conversion (missionaries) | Christianity =  prominent religion→ Introduction of new religions/beliefs by immigrants (Judaism) | Christianity still dominant Spread of other religions by immigrants - not prosicuted because of right to practice any religion |