Western Europe

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|   | 8000 – 600 CE | 600 – 1450 CE | 1450-1750 CE | 1750 – 1914 CE | 1914 - Present |
| Politics     | tribes, leadership by herds, ownershipdemocracy (Greece), republic (Rome),all male aristocracy | Small feudal kingdomsDecentralizationHoly Roman Empire, Franks, English; | MonarchiesEmerging nationalismtransforming from straight feudal societies | Emerging constitutional monarchiesrivalries between nations strong | Experiments with socialism, communismSwing between right and left wings |
| Economy     | Trade within regions, sometimes trade through silk road | ManorialismSelf-sufficientgold, salt, & trade | European exploration: start of mercantilismcolonialismColumbian Exch. | mercantilism really took offmass production of goodsglobal trade | Globally interconnectedCapitalismIndustrialized nations better |
| Social Class/Gender    | Germanic tribesSerfdomSlaves, citizen, freewomen inferior | Feudalism/ ChivalryPower by land ownersPeasants tied to land | Hierarchical system based on race and ethnocentrismwomen devalued | Enlightment ideas gave women riseend of slave traderacism still exists | FeminismAttempts to end racismpersecution jews, minoritiesmeritocracy |
| Science/Inventions     | Pythagoras, created field of medicine | Gutenberg – Printing Press | Lateen SailsScientific RevolutionNavigation technology | Industrial RevolutionAssembly line, mass production, technology in general | nuclear power,Internet, |
| Art/Architecture     | Cave paintings, primitive artworkDomed, ideal human form, literary works, such as Epic by Homer | Gothic stylePolyphonic music | RenaissanceHumanism | beginning of modern art—abstract art, cubism, impressionism | New uses of concrete and glass, Movies, Cubism |
| Empire     | Greece, Rome | Mali (mansa musa)Holy Roman Empire | England, Iberia… nation states emerge | Imperialismalways expanding and colonizing | Empires broken up colonies independent, self determination |
| Religion     | polytheism, animism | Roman  CatholicIslam (everywhere except eithiopia & eygpt)  | Protestant reformation— Calvinism, Anglican Church,Huguenots | Protestant religions | Better religious tolerance |