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, ownership  democracy (Greece), republic (Rome),  all male aristocracy | Small feudal kingdoms  Decentralization  Holy Roman Empire, Franks, English  ; | Monarchies  Emerging nationalism  transforming from straight feudal societies | Emerging constitutional monarchies  rivalries between nations strong | Experiments with socialism, communism  Swing between right and left wings |
| Economy | Trade within regions, sometimes trade through silk road | Manorialism  Self-sufficient  gold, salt, & trade | European exploration: start of mercantilism  colonialism  Columbian Exch. | mercantilism really took off  mass production of goods  global trade | Globally interconnected  Capitalism  Industrialized nations better |
| Social Class/Gender | Germanic tribes  Serfdom  Slaves, citizen, free  women inferior | Feudalism/ Chivalry  Power by land owners  Peasants tied to land | Hierarchical system based on race and ethnocentrism  women devalued | Enlightment ideas gave women rise  end of slave trade  racism still exists | Feminism  Attempts to end racism  persecution jews, minorities  meritocracy |
| Science/Inventions | Pythagoras, created field of medicine | Gutenberg – Printing Press | Lateen Sails  Scientific Revolution  Navigation technology | Industrial Revolution  Assembly line, mass production, technology in general | nuclear power,  Internet, |
| Art/Architecture | Cave paintings, primitive artwork  Domed, ideal human form, literary works, such as Epic by Homer | Gothic style  Polyphonic music | Renaissance  Humanism | 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 | Imperialism  always expanding and colonizing | Empires broken up colonies independent, self determination |
| Religion | polytheism, animism | Roman  Catholic  Islam (everywhere except eithiopia & eygpt) | Protestant reformation— Calvinism, Anglican Church,  Huguenots | Protestant religions | Better religious tolerance |