Regional Outline for Latin America

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|  | 8000 – 600 CE | 600 – 1450 CE | 1450-1750 CE | 1750 – 1914 CE | 1914 - Present |
| Politics | * The leaders are related to divinity (priests)
* Hierarchal system
 | * Arrival of Cortes (1518)
* Annihilates existing political system
* Codified laws
 | * Colonization
* Implement own government (Europeans immigrate)
* Religion (Catholic) plays a strong influence in gov’t
 | * Decolonization
* Majority rules
* Series of juntas/dictatorships
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| Economy | * Little trade
* Internally based
* Mostly agriculture
* Large marketplaces
 | * Cortes – trading
* Encomiendas
* Haciendas
* Trade of crops
* Brought beasts of burden 🡪 improved agriculture
 | * improved technology
* dependent
* Europe sucks natural resources/profits
* monoculture
 | * Europe cannot maintain
* Monoculture
* Difficulty industrializing
* Heavily dependent on natural resources (Venezuela)
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| Social Class/Gender | * priests rules
* hierarchal
* patriarchal (though women appreciated)
 | * more hierarchal (by race)
* depreciation of women (European influence)
 | * Continued hierarchy
* New castes created (creoles, mestizos )
 | * Society opens up
* More egalitarian
* Some meritocracy
* Existing racism
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| Science/Inventions | * Calendar
* No wheels
* Road system
* Chinampas
 | * medical advances (longer life span)
* Wheel brought in (levers, pulleys)
* Brought in writing system (for Incan empire)
 | * primitive anesthesia
* tools for probing, incision, organ extraction
* blood letting
* transfer of European inventions/influenced
 | * innovation continued
* beginning industrialization
* extracting natural resources
* science/inventions gotten through trade
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| Art/Architecture | * Ziggurats
* Religion-based
 | * Western/religion (Christian based) art
* Mix of original Spanish and Western art
 | - Combination of European, indigenous, and Christian arts. |
| Empire | * Aztecs
* Incas
* Mayans
* Toltecs, etc.
 | * decimated (guns, germs, steel)
* Iberian rule
 | * Spanish/Portuguese empire
* Treaty of Tordesillas (1949)
* Portuguese King moves to Brazil
* Some French influence
 | * split into many countries
* General Boliva: legacy of anti American, influenced many countries
* No strong institutions due to dependency
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| Religion | * Animism
* Polytheism
* Worship of nature, etc.
 | * West considered Gods
* Lose belief in previous Gods
* West brought Christianity
* Influenced (little syncretism: superstitions created)
 | * Christianity heavily encouraged
 | * Atheism agnostics increased
* Legacy of Catholicism
* Society more free to choose religion
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