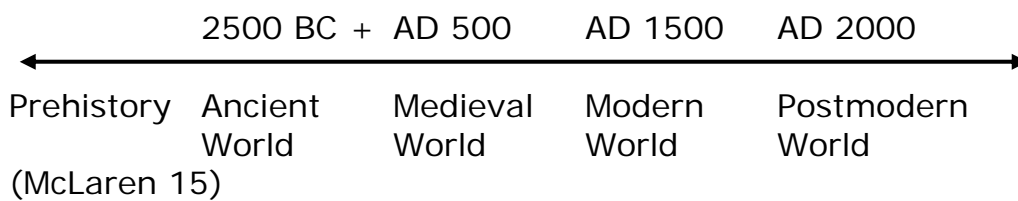


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 Premodern, Modern, and Postmodern chart

- a) Create an **outline** or **chart** describing key characteristics of *premodern, modern, and postmodern thought*. You will find key characteristics of modernity and postmodernity in your readings and in the handout. You will need to do a little research on "premodern."
 b) Include **pros** and **cons** for each.

First, a great chart:



Premodern	Age of feudalism; Western Europe controlled by the Roman Catholic Church and the Pope and Kings ruled by divine right; Geocentric universe; and all of these beliefs are intertwined into premodern Christianity (adapted from McLaren 14-15, 34). Pros: Strongly held beliefs based on all available knowledge at the time. Cons: Single worldview oppresses all others as heretical.
Modern	Began with the Renaissance and brought to fullness with the Enlightenment. Brought the individual to the center of reality and science, reason, and analysis are glorified as knowledge and truth are found through reason. "The autonomous, self-determining subject who exists outside any tradition or community" (Perez Handout) Pros: Thought is encouraged and

	<p>single oppressive worldview is removed from absolute authority. Cons: Again, all eggs are laid in one basket as truth is found only in reason.</p>
<p>Postmodern</p>	<p>Knowledge is <u>not</u> inherently good or objective and truth is not certain nor purely rational. Cooperation and community rather than individualism and conquest. Marks the end of a single, universal worldview and institutes an umbrella for different viewpoints. Questions accepted truths (all adapted from Perez Handout). Pros: Expanded and different modes of thought are encouraged (reason not absolute) and truth is finally accepted as not coming from a single source (though a postmodern Christian would disagree and find truth in Christ). Cons: The lack of a single source of truth – even in an era that encourages questioning of truth – leads to truth not being able to adequately be questioned since it can have any source.</p>

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