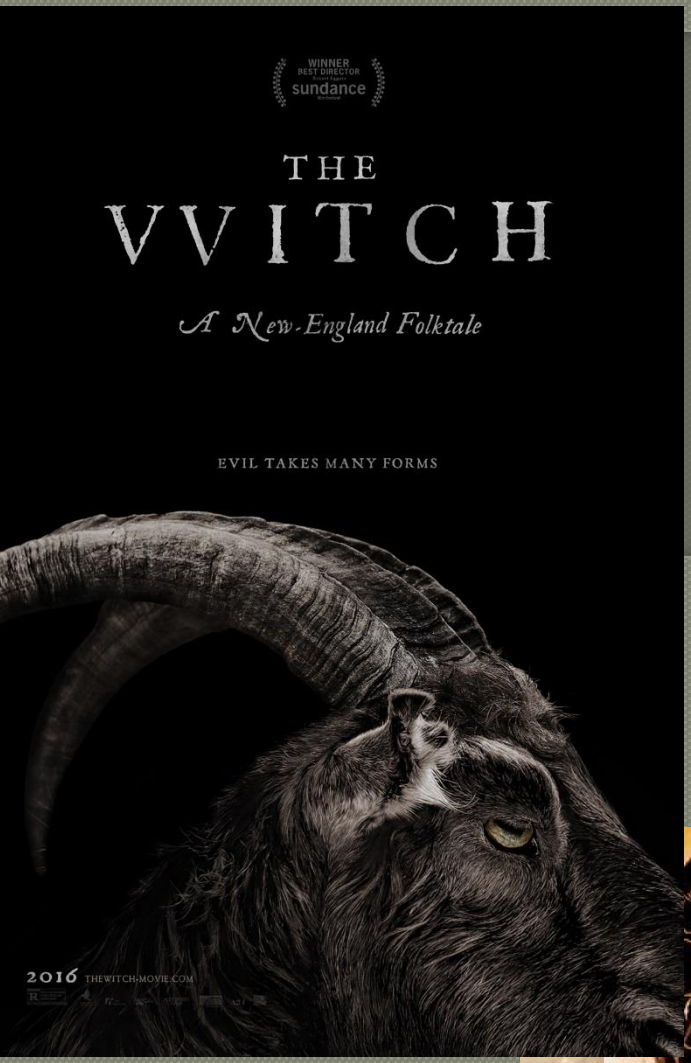

What is History?

And why should you care?

Discovering History

- How do historians discover and create history?
  - Sources!
  - Types of sources?
- Primary vs. Secondary Sources
  - Primary Source
    - produced by people/groups *directly involved* in an event or topic
  - Secondary Source
    - produced by people/groups *NOT directly involved* in an event or topic

Is this "history"?

- http://tiny.cc/p3hc8x
- http://youtu.be/b5VsYT5vbWE
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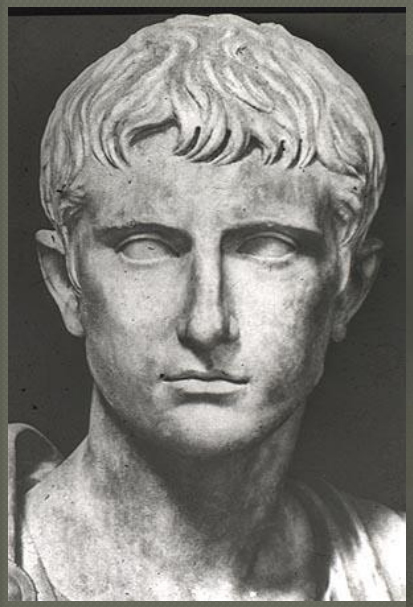
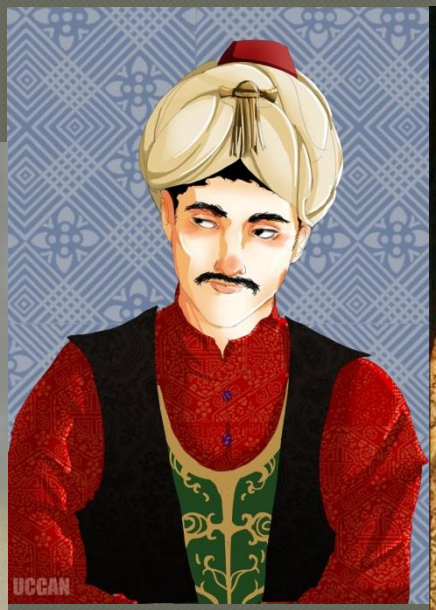
- So how are we to make sense of all of these "stories"? How do we find "the truth"?

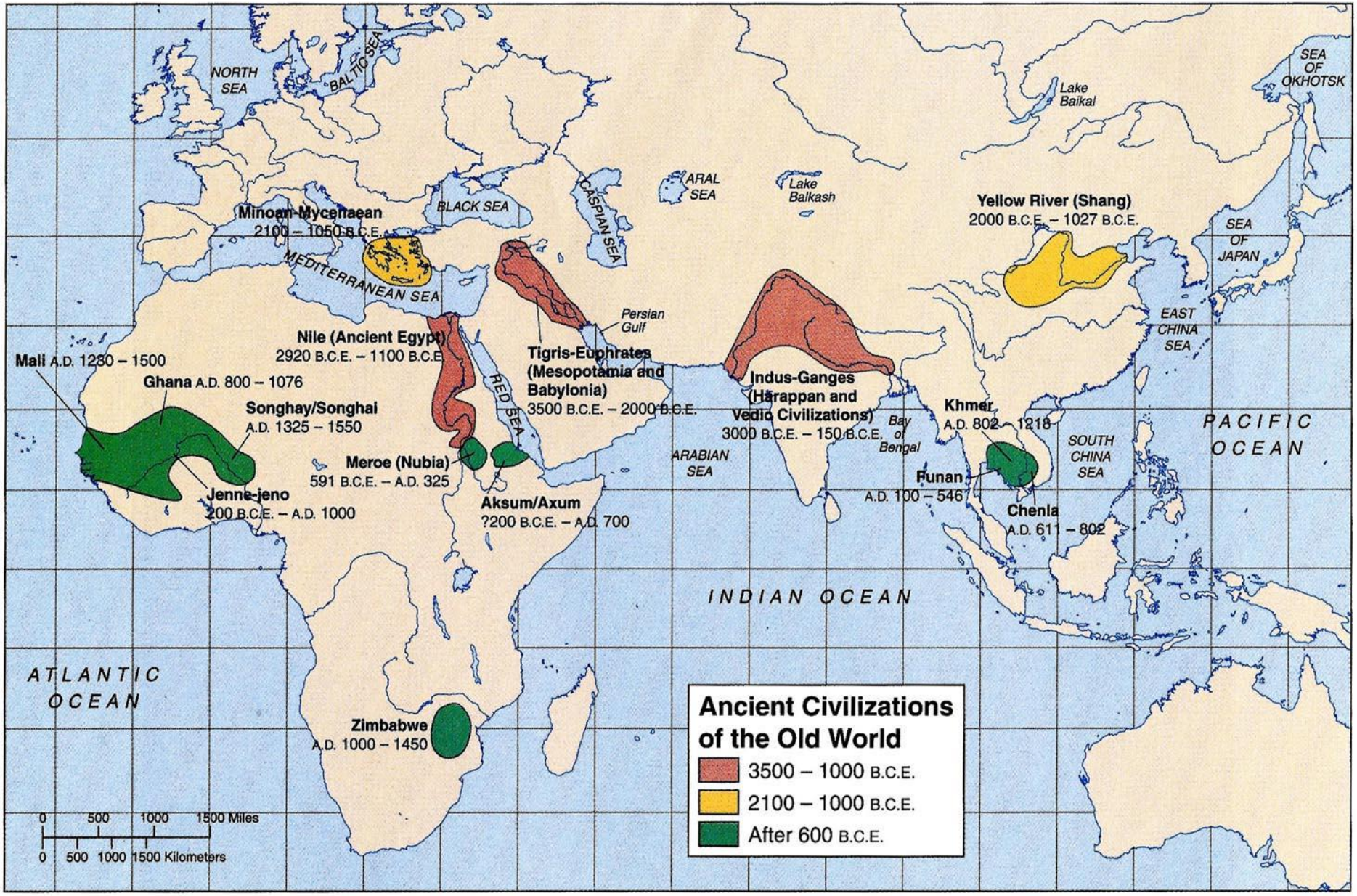
Why "Western Civilization"?

- What does "Western Civilization" mean?
- What is included in "Western Civilization"?

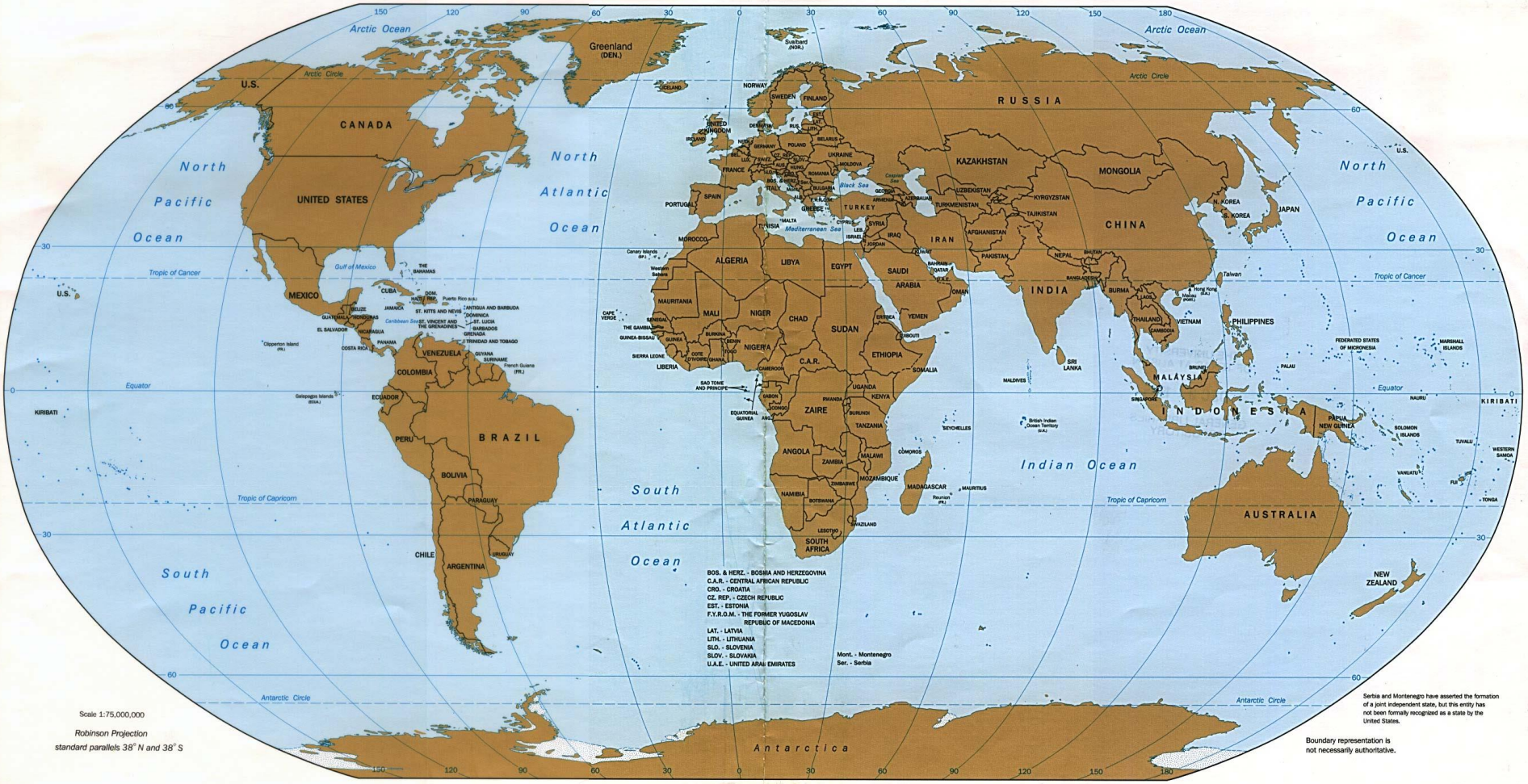




Ancient Civilizations of the Old World



Political Map of the World



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Robinson Projection
standard parallels 38° N and 38° S

Serbia and Montenegro have asserted the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized as a state by the United States.

Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.

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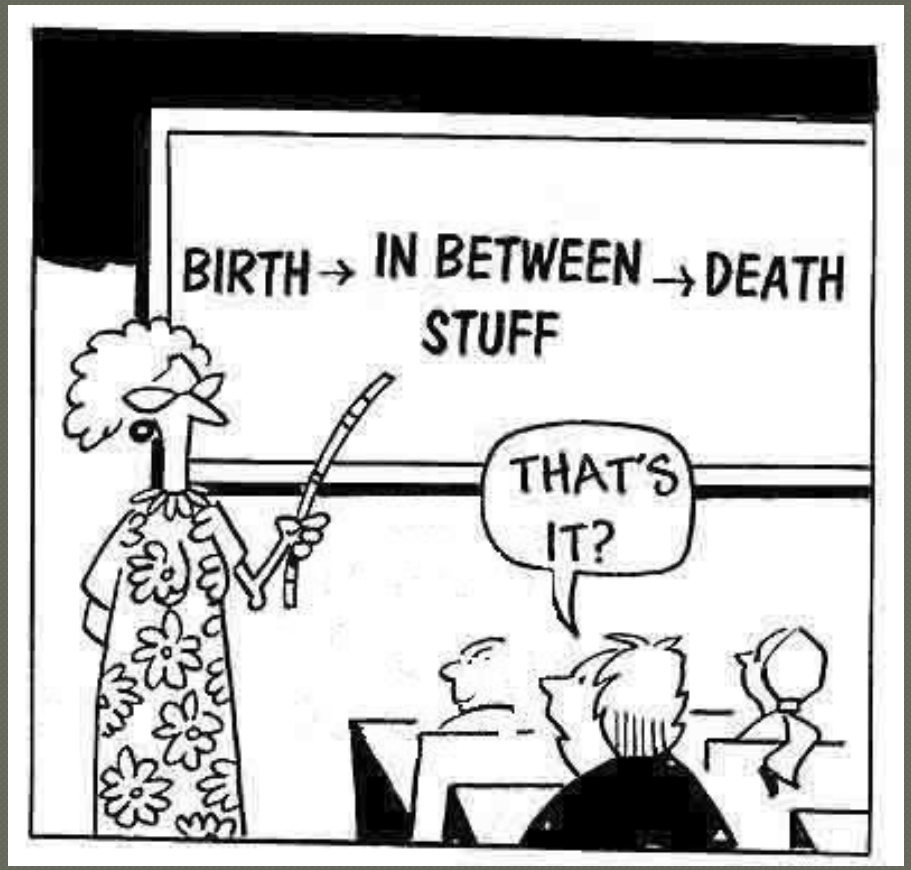
Why does any of this matter?

- How does this course relate to January 2017? What did "Western Civilization" bring about . . .
  - Politically?
  - Technologically?
  - Economically?
  - Religiously?
  - Scientifically?

So, again, why does this all matter?