**Spice Chart: Eastern and Western Europe in the Postclassical Era**

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| **Theme** |  **Eastern Europe: The Byzantine Empire**  |  **Western Europe in the Middle Ages** |
| **Social:**  socioeconomic groups; class/caste; racial & ethnic constructions; family & gender roles & relations; systems of unfree labor; religious groups. |  |  |
| **Political:**  Political structures and forms of governance; legal system; political interest groups/factions; power bases; changes and functions of states; relationship b/t individuals and states |  |  |
| **Interaction between people & environment:** Impact on the environment; environment impact on culture, natural, human, technological resources; demography; patters of movement and settlement; disease; population growth/ decline; rise of agriculture |  |  |
| **Cultural & Intellectual:**  Art; literature; philosophy; architecture; mathematics & science; belief systems; religions; ethical and moral values; ideologies |  |  |
| **Economic:** Creation, expansion & interaction of economic systems; natural, human, technological & capital resources; agricultural & pastoral production; trade & commerce; labor systems |  |  |