The term WEST originally came from the Roman Empire which was dividing the world into WEST and EAS. It seems to me that a large part of the challenge in defining “The West” can be ascribed to its ever changing Character and Boundaries. From a point of view of Beijing and Singapoure, “The West” is located in Europe and North America. From an European perspective, “the West” is define as “The Other side of the Rhine”. According to Russians Thinkers and writers, the west is situated on the other side of Russian border. From all these perspectives it is quiet difficult to define concrete and precise boundaries of the WEST. But according to WikiPedia, The west is divided into Europe, The United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and parts of Latin America. The boundaries of the WEST are very hard to define regarding the perspectives and the characteristics we use to define it. What are those characteristics?

To define the boundaries of “the west” we generally use the following criterias; Culture, people, religion, history, politics, economics, and spirit. Indeed, the western countries has their own and particular way of doing things and interacts with other civilizations. A cultural approach will rally “the WEST” as all the countries that have been influenced and that derived from European cultures i.e Europe, the Americas and Oceania. A political approach reminds us that the West has a panel of fundamentals political ideologies such as liberal democracy, rules of law and gender equality. Western people also share Christianity as the most dominant religion. On a Economic perspective, The West is usually being referred as First World or developed countries since the majority of European and Americas countries are highly developed countries.

The West has been a concept used by historians since the Roman Empire. As said before Romans used to call their self as West and the rest of the world as East or the savages. Any kingdom which was out of the Roman empire was considered as East or savage people. But nowadays historians are still right about the concept since the Roman Empire don’t exist anymore but has been divided and replaced by smaller countries but still with the same spirit.