

WORLD HISTORY

WS: Civilizations of Middle America

How long ago did Paleolithic people reach North America?

What was the importance of the “Bering Strait” between Siberia and Alaska?

Which group developed the 1st American civilization?

This civilization (answer previous question) lasted how long?

List 5 accomplishments of the Olmec civilization:

1
2
3
4
5

List 3 pieces of evidence that archaeologists use to connect Maya and Aztec civilizations with the Olmecs?

1
2
3

MAYAS

On which peninsula did the Maya civilization flourish?

Generally speaking, what type of religion did the Mayas have?

What did the Mayas associate a person’s spirit with?

Name _____

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What was a “stela” AND what purpose did it serve?

What type of writing system did the Maya have?

Describe the Maya number system?

Although archaeologists do not know for sure, what are the two main theories as to why the Maya civilization ended?

1
2

AZTECS

What was the capital of the Aztec civilization?

Describe how the Aztecs were able to locate where to build their capital?

Which city today rests on the ancient capital of the Aztecs?

Why did the Aztecs build “chinampas?”

By 1517, how many people are estimated to have lived in the Aztec empire?

Define Tribute?

How did the Aztecs and Mayas differ in regards to the way government was set up?

In Aztec society, what determined your social class?

What was the main job of “priests’ in Aztec society?

Which god was the main Aztec god?

In Aztec mythology, which god was sacrificed to become the sun?

Why were “human sacrifices” important to Aztec beliefs?

What did Aztecs feel was the cause of sickness?

INCAS

What was the importance of “Chavin” in Ancient Incan history?

What substance did the”Moche” use for building?

Where was the capital of the Incan civilization?

Why was “gold” the symbol of the sun god?

List 3 ways the Incas united their empire:

1
2
3

List accomplishments of the Inca in the following:

Farming	
Crafts	
Record Keeping	
Medicine	

Use pages 398-400 to answer the following:

List 4 advantages Spanish conquistadors had over the Indians of Mesoamerica and South America:

1	2
3	4

Which Spanish conquistador defeated the Aztecs?

How was this conquistador (answer from previous question) able to develop alliances against the Aztecs?

Which Spanish conquistador defeated the Incas?