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**Maya, Aztec, and Inca Civilizations**

***INTENTIONS OF THE LESSON***

**I WANT STUDENTS TO:**

1. ***KNOW* that the civilizations of Mesoamerica developed long rich histories before the arrival and influence of the Europeans.**
2. ***UNDERSTAND* the impact of technology and explain how Mesoamerica advances in technology and influenced the world in mathematics and engineering.**
3. **Identify the key components of the Aztec civilization and complete a PERSIAN Chart *(SKILL)*.**

**DO NOW:** If you had an opportunity to re-write the history of your family so that it reflects only what you want it to say…What would you write?

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**Mesoamerica**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_=Mexico & Central America.

Some of the greatest civilizations in the Americas developed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lived in the Mesoamerican region.

**How did people first get to the Americas?**

* Theory #1 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ land bridge
  + Humans migrated into North America from Asia by crossing over a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between Alaska and Siberia.
* Theory #2=\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Humans migrated to the Americas by crossing the seas, most likely the Pacific Ocean, and settling along the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coasts of the Americas.

**Where did the ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ live?**

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ settled on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peninsula in central America.

**Maya Political Structure**

* The Maya were NOT AN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and NOT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ politically.
* Maya civilizations was made up of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Each city-state had its own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Maya Architecture**

* Built towering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Atop the temples, priests performed religious ceremonies and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while people watched from the plazas below.
* Ceremonial platforms, temples, pyramids, observatories, ball courts all built by the Maya.

**Maya Religion**

* The Maya were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Maya practiced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice.

**Advances in learning**

* The Maya created a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Maya created a set of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Also developed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-day calendar.

**What happened to the Maya?**

* The Maya \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many of their cities around 900 A.D.
* Archaeologists DO NOT KNOW \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Maya civilization declined.
* Theory: Around 900 A.D. there was a severe drought. Many died due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and others \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ away.

**Maya today**

* **…**more than \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Maya people live in Guatemala and southern Mexico today.

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* **Write one thing that you found interesting:**

**Aztecs**

**Where did the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ live?**

* The Aztecs lived in what is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in central Mexico.

**Tenochtitlan**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the capital city of the Aztec Empire.

**Legend of Tenochtitlan**

* The gods told the Aztecs to search for an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holding a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in its beak perched atop a cactus. This is where they were to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their capital city. The Aztecs saw this sign on a swampy island in lake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**How did the Aztecs build a city in the center of a lake?**

* Tenochtitlan was built on an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* It was connected to the mainland by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leading to the north, south, and west of the city.
* The city was interlaced with a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so that all sections of the city could be visited either on foot or by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Today, Tenochtitlan is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Government**

* The Aztecs created an empire through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Conquered people and local rulers had to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Aztecs.
* The Aztecs had an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Aztecs Emperor’s main job was to lead in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Religion & Mythology**

* Aztecs were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Huitzilopochtli was the main Aztec god.
* The Aztecs built massive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dedicated to their gods.
* Pyramid of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Pyramid of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Human Sacrifice**

* Human sacrifice was a common practice of the Aztecs.
* For the reconsecration of Great Pyramid of Tenochtitlan in 1487, the Aztecs reported that they sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prisoners over the course of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days.
* To give the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ strength to rise each day, human sacrifices were offered.

**What happened to the Aztecs?**

* Spanish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conquered Tenochtitlan and defeated the Aztecs in 1521.

**Video Clip - “Engineering an Empire”**

* **Write one thing that you found interesting:**

**Video Clip – “What The Ancients Did For Us”**

* **Write one thing that you found interesting:**

**Inca**

**Where did the Inca live?**

* The Inca controlled an empire in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ region of South America.

**Government**

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (emperor) had absolute power.
* The emperor claimed to be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The emperor was also the empire’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leader.
* The empire was divided into four regions with the capital at Cuzco.

**Uniting the Empire**

* The Inca built a massive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ network through mountains and across rivers and gorges.

**Stonework**

* The Inca constructed stone temples without using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yet the stones fit together so well that a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would not fit between the stones.

**Religion**

* The Inca were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The primary god was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the sun god.
* Inca believed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Inca practiced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + They achieved this by wrapping tight cloth straps around the head of newborns to alter the shape of their soft skulls into a cone-like shape.

**Medical Advancements**

* The Inca performed successful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ surgery.
* The Inca also used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make patients unconscious during surgery.

**Organization**

* Each family in a community was assigned a specific \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Government officials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marriages.
* The government organized mandatory \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ service building projects.

**What happened to the Inca**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ war in the empire broke out. AND
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spread, killing much of the Inca.

**Fall of the Inca**

* **BUT** ultimately, it was the Spanish conquistadors led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that brought about the fall of the Inca Empire.

**Video Clip – “Inca – Part 1”**

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