

## 5.2: MesoAmerican Civilizations

### Learning Target & Success Criteria:

I can analyze and describe the rise, accomplishments, and decline of \_\_\_\_\_ civilizations by scoring an 80% or higher on my mastery check.

### The Maya

- Civilization peaked 250-\_\_\_\_\_ CE
- Located in the Central American \_\_\_\_\_
- Major cities included Tikal & Chichén Itzá
- Independent city-states run by kings
- \_\_\_\_\_ religion, believed in afterlife, temples built for sacrifices and bloodletting
- \_\_\_\_\_ based on agriculture and trade

### Mayan Accomplishments

- Excellent \_\_\_\_\_, priests charted movement of planets, moon, and sun
- Created multiple accurate \_\_\_\_\_ that depicted a count of days, some measured all of the days in a year, others measured chunks of days similar to our months
- Developed complex numbers and \_\_\_\_\_ writings (pictures that represented sounds to be combined together)
- Pok-A-Tok, a \_\_\_\_\_ game to put a rubber ball through the hoop with no hands or feet – some believe the losing team might be \_\_\_\_\_

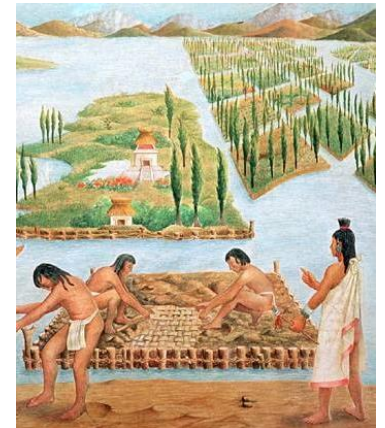
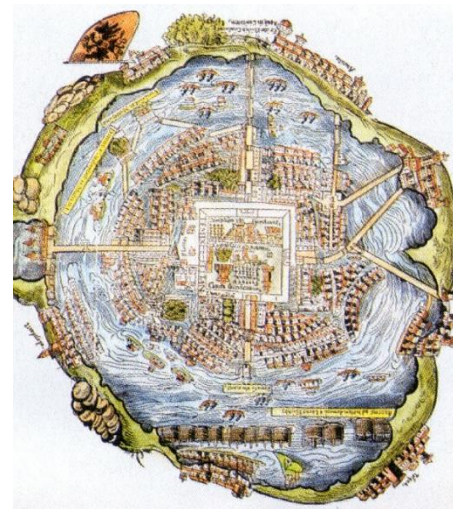


### Decline of the Maya Leads to Aztecs

- No one knows for sure
- Possible \_\_\_\_\_, or famine due to drought
- Aztecs take over a nearby area in central \_\_\_\_\_ between 1200-1521 CE
- Major city was Tenochtitlan, which is modern day Mexico City, built on an \_\_\_\_\_ in Lake Texcoco
- Unified neighboring city-states into an \_\_\_\_\_, one of the most powerful empires in the world

### The Aztecs

- Polytheistic with emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_
- Built pyramids with human sacrifices to please the gods
- Economy based on agriculture and \_\_\_\_\_
- Farmed on artificial \_\_\_\_\_ islands called chinampas
- Emperor Montezuma II taken \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spanish conquistadors, neighboring tribes help Hernan Cortés to invade and kill off \_\_\_\_\_



## The Inca

- Civilization peaked 1400-1532 CE
- Located in \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains in South America
- Major cities included Machu Picchu and Cuzco
- Known for having a strong central \_\_\_\_\_
- No \_\_\_\_\_ system, not a lot is known, Machu Picchu only recently discovered
- Polytheistic, human and animal \_\_\_\_\_ to please gods
- Practiced \_\_\_\_\_ deformation by wrapping skulls of babies in tight wrapping to shape them



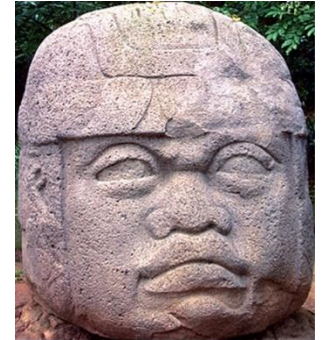
## Incan Accomplishments

- \_\_\_\_\_ farming to grow food on sides of mountains
- Developed the coca plant
- Used \_\_\_\_\_ and herbal medicines
- Complex road systems
- Recorded stories in \_\_\_\_\_, Andean stringed knots
- Spanish conquistadors led by Francisco Pizarro attacked the Inca, many died of \_\_\_\_\_ during this time and the Incan Empire dissolved



## The Olmecs

- \_\_\_\_\_ MesoAmerican civilization, flourished \_\_\_\_\_ the Aztec, Maya, and Inca civilizations, in 1200-200 BCE
- Known for enormous stone \_\_\_\_\_ statues, 10-20 feet tall



## Map the MesoAmerican Civilizations

### 1. Look up and label the following on your map:

MesoAmerica Peninsula	South America	Yucatan
Amazon River	Atlantic Ocean	
Caribbean Sea		
Gulf of Mexico	Lake Texcoco	Lake Titicaca
Orinoco River	Pacific Ocean	Andes Mountains
Sierra Madre Oriental		Sierra Madre Occidental

### 2. Use different colors to show the location of:

Olmec Civilization	Maya Civilization
Aztec Empire	Inca Empire
Cuzco	Tenochtitlan
Tikal	

### 3. Complete the key with the colors you used in your map

*Note: A partially completed map is shown on the last slide of the video notes to help you visualize what you need to create. You should be able to read ALL of your labels, choose your colors wisely.*