Mayan Civilization Study Guide

Introduction

* The Maya developed an advanced civilization around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ B.C.in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ area in Mexico and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ America
* Accomplished \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and invented an advanced form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Cities

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ served as ceremonial sites for priests and were built without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tools!
* The farther from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the social status
* **The major centers were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Tikal, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Religion

* Mayan religion reflected the fundamental role of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in their society
* *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_*, was the Mayan creation myth that taught that the gods had created human beings out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and water
* Gods kept the world in order and maintained the agricultural cycle in exchange for honors and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Mayans believed the shedding of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blood would prompt the gods to send \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to water the maize
* Bloodletting involved both war \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Mayan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments

* Masters of the Night Sky- known for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Created an accurate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar
* Predicted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sun

Writing

* The Mayans had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system consisting of shells, \_\_\_\_\_, and lines.
* Mayans created the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pre-colonial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hemisphere
* Over \_\_\_\_ different images were used to record their history

Government

* Had no central \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but instead had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like Greece
* The Mayan Empire was mysteriously \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—we still don’t know why

Aztec Civilization Study Guide

The Aztec Empire is part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today.

Tenochtitlan

* According to Aztec legend, the gods told the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people who had entered the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico to search for an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perched on the top of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The eagle would be holding a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When they saw the sign on a swampy island in Lake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they established the city of Tenochtitlan.
* Tenochtitlan was linked to the mainland with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It had an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to ensure a fresh water supply and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ carried waste materials away.
* Over the years Tenochtitlan grew into a great city with open \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ places.

Food

* Aztecs ate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grilled and dipped in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They also ate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stuffed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Medicine

* The Aztec used a lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in their medicine.

Writing

* The Aztec also developed a writing system with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that gave an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the story, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Calendar

* Their calendar was very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their time. It consisted of \_\_\_\_ days a year, over \_\_\_ months, excluding five days for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We think that this calendar was used 100 years before the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar, which is the calendar we use today.

Montezuma

* Montezuma was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Aztecs in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ century. He was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king who often went to war with his neighbors. He kept the gods on his side by making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices to the gods.

Religion

* Polytheistic – Over \_\_\_\_\_\_ gods
* ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: the sun and war god.
  + He battled the forces of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each night and was re-born each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There was no guarantee the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would win, so human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were made.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was a former white skinned and bearded priest. He came from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and promised to return. He was the god of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Also considered the ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ serpent.’

Conquering Principles

* Conquered people who could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves
  + Had to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tax)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers were used as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fall of the Aztecs

* Destroyed with the arrival of ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Conquistadores.

Inca Civilization Study Guide

Location

* Located in South America in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Today the countries of Ecuador, ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***, Chile, Bolivia and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Roads

* Had an impressive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of roads through the mountains

Macchu Picchu

* A great example of Incan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it was not known by the Spanish during their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It was possibly the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ city of the Incan Empire for a time.

Religion

* Worshipped the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their dead \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* They called themselves “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* The Sun God was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world, called \_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The king was extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It was believed that he could travel from the place of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and back again. He was called the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

Farming

* Since they lived in the mountains, they created a form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ farming.
* Corn was their most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crop.

Quipu

* Used a system of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on ropes to record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Fall of the Inca

* Like the Aztec, the Incan Empire fell with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spanish Conquistadores.