

Pre-Columbian Civilizations

	Maya	Aztec	Inca
Dates:	2400 BCE - 1300 CE	1200 - 1500	600 - 1500s
Location:	Yucatan peninsula, Guatemala, Honduras	Mexico	Andes Mountain region
Groups in Society:	Kings Priests Artists & Craftspeople Farmers	Ruler Priests Artists & Craftspeople Farmers Warriors	Emperor [The "Inca"] Priests Artists & Craftspeople Farmers Warriors
Religion:	Many gods Sun god Corn god Gods of rain and earth	Many gods Sun god War god	Many gods Sun god
Government:	City-state ruled by priests and kings.	Ruler & council Local kingdoms ruled indirectly, but paid taxes to the Aztecs.	Hereditary Emperor ruled over the entire empire.
Achievements:	Calendar Writing Stone Pyramids Jade & Gold Jewelry Carved Stele Math system with zero	Floating Gardens Largest Indian City in the Americas. Canals Calendar Picture Writing	Beautiful Jewelry & Statues of Gold. Domesticated Llama Terraced Agriculture Quipu to keep records. Extensive Road Network Fine Stonework Anesthetics [NO WRITING SYSTEM]

- Which civilization lasted the longest? _____
- How were the religions of the three civilizations alike? _____

- Which civilization had the strongest ruler? Explain why. _____

- What was one difference between the groups of people in the Maya civilization and the groups in the other two civilizations? What conclusion can you draw about Maya society? _____

