

The Americas Before European Contact

Generalizations:

Disease

Beasts of Burden

Technology

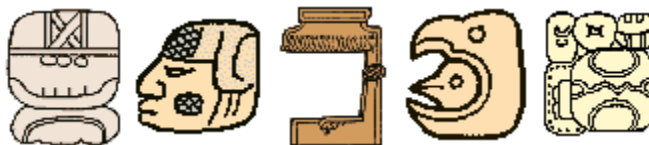
Mayas 400s – 700s

Location:



Mayan Temple Ruin

Hieroglyphics:



Glyphs representing, from left to right, the sky, an ahau (king), a house, a child, and the city of Palenque.

Aztecs:

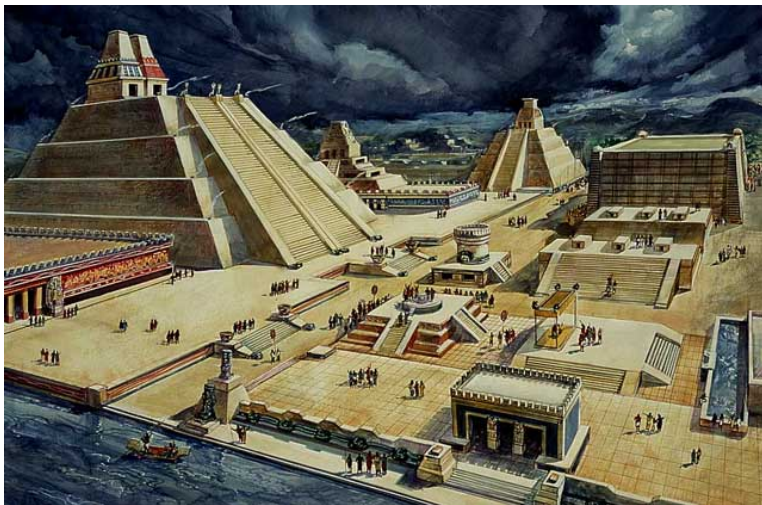
Time period:

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Origins:

Tribute:

Religion:



Tenochtitlan

This great city of Tenochtitlán is built on the salt lake, and no matter by what road you travel there are two leagues from the main body of the city to the mainland. There are four artificial causeways leading to it, and each is as wide as two cavalry lances. The city itself is as big as Seville or Córdoba. The main streets are very wide and very straight; some of these are on the land, but the rest and all the smaller ones are half on land, half canals where they paddle their canoes. All the streets have openings in places so that the water may pass from one canal to another. Over all these openings, and some of them are very wide, there are bridges. . . . There are, in all districts of this great city, many temples or houses for their idols. They are all very beautiful buildings. . . . Amongst these temples there is one, the principal one, whose great size and magnificence no human tongue could describe, for it is so large that within the precincts, which are surrounded by very high wall, a town of some five hundred inhabitants could easily be built. All round inside this wall there are very elegant quarters with very large rooms and

corridors where their priests live. There are as many as forty towers, all of which are so high that in the case of the largest there are fifty steps leading up to the main part of it and the most important of these towers is higher than that of the cathedral of Seville. . . ."

Who wrote this? POV?





Aztec Calendar

Incas:

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Origins:

Mita:

Religion:



Macchu Picchu