Mesoamerican Civilizations Webquest

[Section One: Geography]

A. On the map provided, identify where the Incan, Mayan, and Aztec civilizations were located. Label them on the map! Shade in their territories.


The Inca, Maya, and Aztecs
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**[Section Two: Aztecs]**

[Link](http://mayaincaaztec.com/aztecreligion1.html)

1. What was the name of the Aztec capital/main city?

[Link](http://mayaincaaztec.com/aztecmap.html)

2. Did the Aztecs practice a monotheistic or polytheistic religion?

3. The Aztecs and other Mesoamerican cultures believed that several successive __________ had existed before outs, and each time mankind had been wiped out by some ____________________________.

4. Aztec priests were very powerful and influential members of society. They controlled the calendar. Why was the calendar so important to the Aztecs?

5. True or False: Aztecs believed that human sacrifice was a necessary part of the world order.

[Link](http://aztec.com/page.php?page=calendar)

6. How many calendars did the Aztecs have?

7. How is their calendar similar and different from ours?

**[Section Three: Maya]**

[Link](http://mayaincaaztec.com/mayanmap.html)

8. The Mayan Empire would have been found in which present-day countries?

[Link](http://mayaincaaztec.com/mayareligion.html)

9. Did the Mayans practice a monotheistic or polytheistic religion?

10. The Aztec believed that the earth had gone through a cycle of creation and destruction. Did the Mayan believe the same?

11. What were the requirements for becoming a priest? Could anyone be a priest?

12. Did Mayans practice human sacrifice? What was the justification for this practice? How does that compare to the Aztecs?
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http://www.webexhibits.org/calendars/calendar-mayan.html

13. How many calendars did the Mayans have?

14. How does it compare to our Calendar? How does it compare to the Aztec calendars?

15. How are the pyramids and calendars related?

http://www.mesoballgame.org/ballgame/

16. What was the first team sport in human history?

17. What was the ball made out of?

18. Briefly describe how to play the game.

[Section Four: Inca]

http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/pizarro-traps-incan-emperor-atahualpa

19. Who was Atahualpa?

20. Who was Francisco Pizarro and how did he help bring about the end of the Incan civilization?

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/lost-inca-empire.html

21. Why were Incan roads so impressive?

http://archaeology.about.com/od/americanancientwriting/a/quipu.htm

22. Did Incans write and keep records?

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/lost-inca-empire.html

23. What is Macchu Pichu and who “found it?”