

THE ARRIVAL OF HUMANS *

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. How do many scientists believe the earliest people arrived in the Western Hemisphere?
2. How did early man first get his food?
3. How did the discovery of agriculture change the way ancient man lived?
4. Why did early man first make pottery?

THE OLMECS *

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. Why were the Olmecs named *Olmec*?
2. Describe what is found in the Olmec city of San Lorenzo (No POQ):
3. Describe what is found in the Olmec city of La Venta (No POQ):
4. What are three things we know about the Olmecs' daily lives?

TEOTIHUACAN *

(Tee-o-tee-wak-an)

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. Who built the city of Teotihuacan?
2. Name the four well-known buildings in Teotihuacan and explain why they are famous (No POQ):
3. How do we know that the people of Teotihuacan traveled a great deal?
4. Who did the Aztecs believe had built Teotihuacan?

THE MAYAS *

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. Why did Mayans tie objects to their infants' foreheads?
2. Why did some Mayans tie boards to their children's heads?
3. What are the three Mayan eras (include names and dates!)?
4. What are three things the Mayans developed in the Classic Era?
5. What is the great mystery of the Mayans?

MAYAN WRITING *

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. Why do scientists believe the Mayans used glyphs for their writing?
2. How many Mayan glyphs do we know of? Of how many of these do we know the meaning?
3. How did the Mayans make paper?
4. What were Mayan books called?
5. Why did the Spanish destroy Mayan books?

MAYAN MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY *

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. What did a drawing of a shell represent?
2. How did the Mayans write their numbers?
3. Why did the priests study astronomy?
4. How were astronomy and mathematics useful to Mayan priests?
5. Describe the two Mayan calendars (No POQ):
6. What did the Mayans believe about the five days at the end of their calendar?

MAYAN TRADE *

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. Why was it good to be a *ppolm*?
2. With no wheeled vehicles, what are two ways that the Mayans moved goods?
3. In what city was the most famous Mayan marketplace? What was this marketplace called?
4. Describe a barter system (No POQ):
5. What did Mayans sometimes use in place of money?

THE GREAT MAYAN MYSTERY *

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. When did the great Mayan civilization end?
2. What are two natural causes may have forced the Mayans to leave their cities?
3. Why might agriculture have been the cause of the people leaving the cities?
4. Why would a peasant revolt possibly have taken place?
5. Why is this mystery still being debated today?

The Mayan Civilization

