

## Mesoamerica Study Guide

**Directions:** Match up the definitions in each group with its corresponding word.

A. Tribute	B. Quechua	C. Codex
D. Chinampa	E. Mesoamerica	F. Tlachtli

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Means "Middle America"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The name for a Mayan book
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A payment made to the Aztecs by groups the Aztecs conquered.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A floating garden
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The official language of the Inca Empire
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Name for the Aztec ball game

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A. Francisco Pizarro	B. Moctezuma II	C. Atahualpa
D. Conquistador	E. Manco Capac	F. Hernando Cortes

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. He was the leader of the Spanish when they conquered the Aztecs
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The name for a Spanish conqueror
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. He was the Aztec emperor when the Spanish arrived
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. He was the emperor of the Incas when the Spanish arrived
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. He was the Spanish leader who conquered the Incas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. He was the founder of the Incan Dynasty

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A. Glyphs	B. 260 day calendar	C. 365 day calendar
D. Maize	E. Observatories	F. Teotihuacan

- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The main crop for both the Mayans and Aztecs
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. This was the sacred calendar for the Mayans. It was used to plan religious events.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Buildings the Mayans used to study the sky
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. This was an important city in Mesoamerica. It was built by the Altiplano Indians.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Mayan picture symbols
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. This calendar was based on the movement of earth around the sun. The Mayans used it to plan regular events.

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A. Tenochtitlan	B. Causeway	C. Smallpox
D. A God	E. Cuzco	F. Island

- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. A raised road over water or wet ground
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Capital city for the Aztec empire
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Capital city for the Inca empire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. This was devastating to the Aztecs. The Spanish unknowingly brought it with them, which helped them conquer the Aztecs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. When the Spanish leader arrived, the Aztecs believed that he was this
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. The Aztec capital city was built on one of these

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A. Mita	B. Quipu	C. Terraces
D. Llama	E. Inti	F. Olmecs
		G. Potato

- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Group in Mesoamerica that greatly influenced later groups.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Name for the Incan sun god.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Most important animal for the Incas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Steps in the hillside to be able to farm more land. The Incas and Mayans used them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. A record keeping system used by the Incas. These were cords with knots in them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. A labor tax system in which taxes were paid with work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. This was the favorite and most important food of the Inca.

**Directions:** Answer the following questions:

- Explain the difference between how the Mayan civilization was organized compared to the Aztec civilization.

- Where did the first Aztecs come from? Where did the first Incas live?

- Why did the Aztecs and Mayans perform human sacrifices? What did the Incas sacrifice most often?

- Explain some of the Inca achievements (describe their buildings, road system, and writing system)

**Things to remember:**

- Where the Maya, Aztec, and Inca are in the Ancient World (Use your Ancient Civilizations Map!)