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MAYAN CITIES



Tikal

Copan

Chichen Itza



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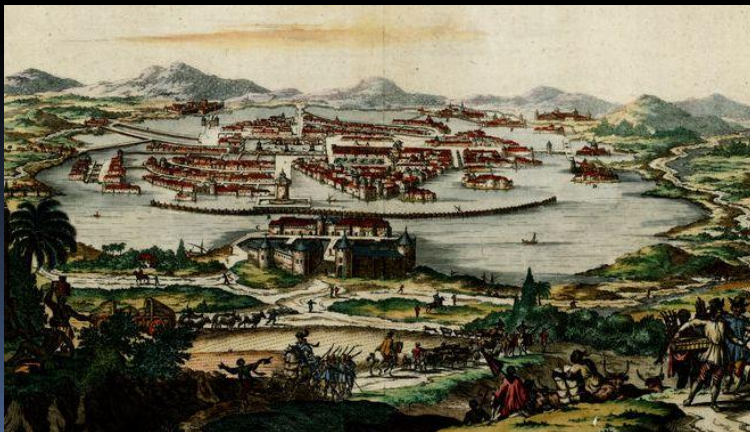
AZTEC CITIES



Tenochtitlan

Tlatelolco

Texcoco



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INCA CITIES



Cuzco



Machu Picchu

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GREAT STRUCTURES: TEMPLES



Aztec

Inca

Mayan

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GREAT STRUCTURES: PALACES



Mayan



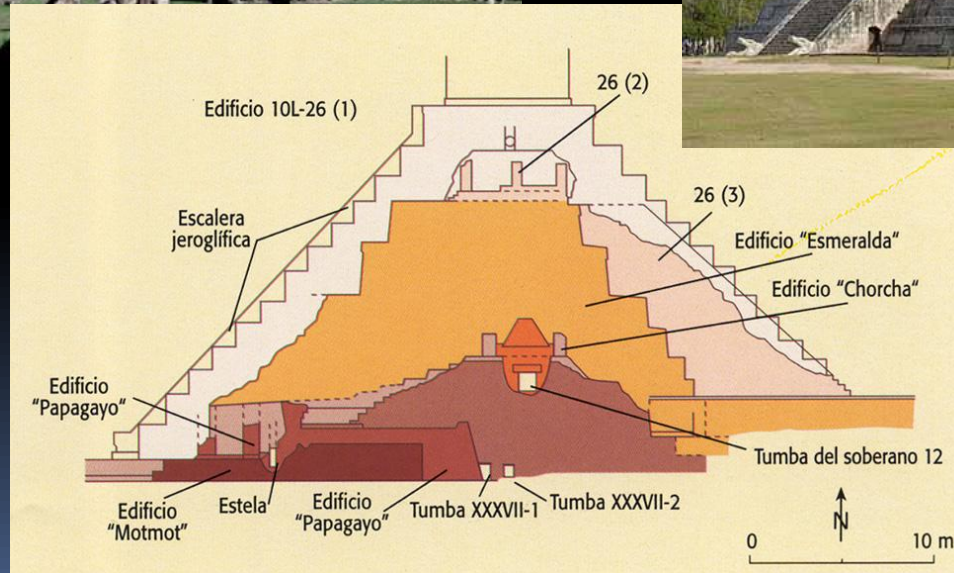
Inca



Aztec

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GREAT STRUCTURES



Aztec and Mayan PYRAMIDS

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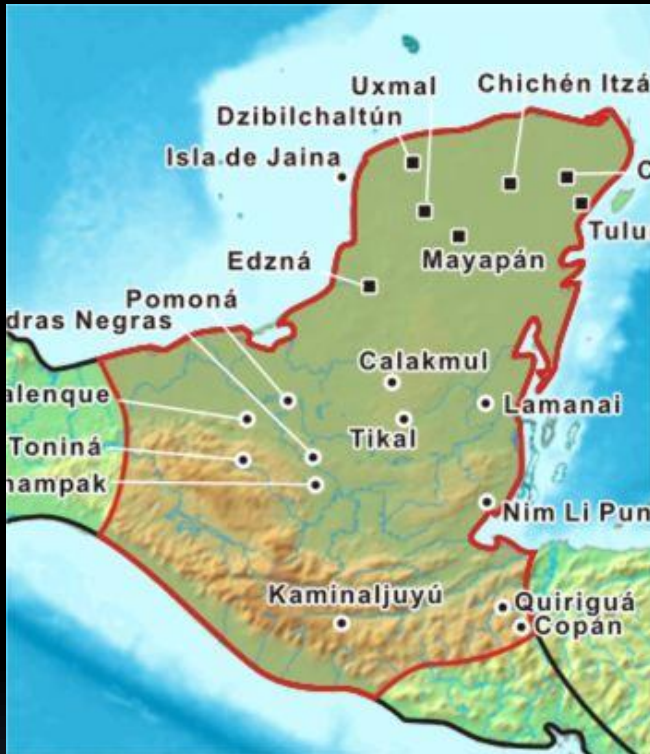
GREAT STRUCTURES



AQUEDUCTS
of the INCAS

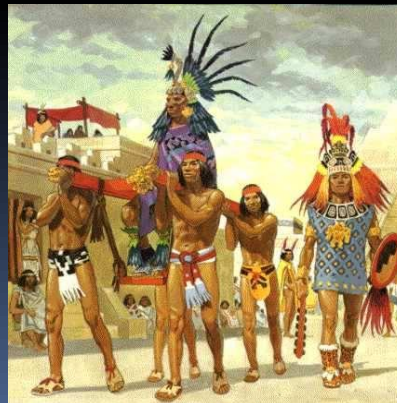
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POLITICAL STRUCTURES



CITY STATES

Theocracy



GREAT EMPIRES

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KEY LEADERS

MAYAN

KING or
EMPEROR
*(Priests had
Great Power
as well)*



Montezuma II

AZTEC

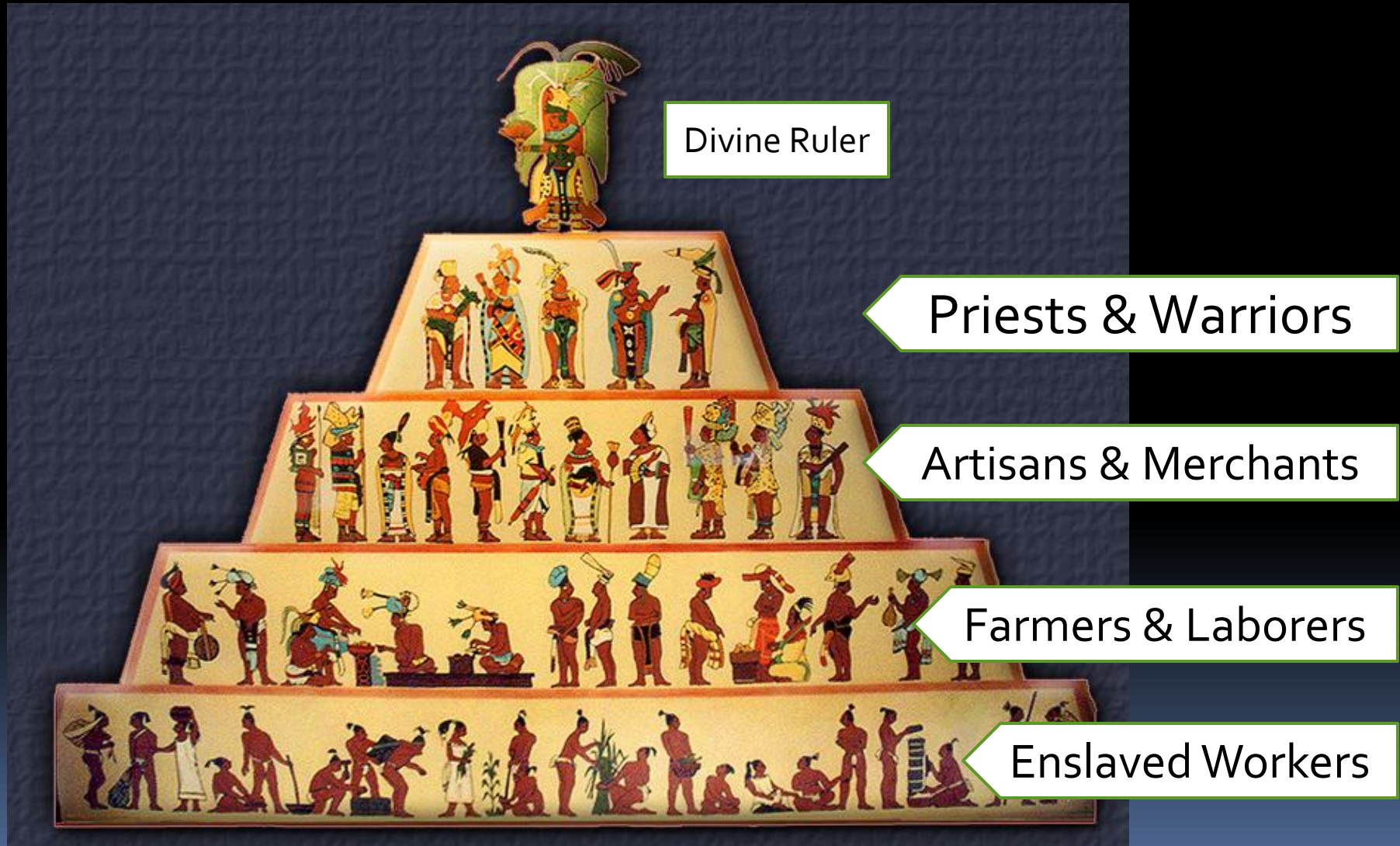
INCA



Pachacutec

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SOCIAL CLASS STRUCTURE



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SKILLED LABORERS

1. Jewelers
2. Weavers
3. Potters
4. Masons
5. Metallurgists (Only Aztecs & Incas)



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LITERACY: Mayan & Aztec



PICTOGRAPHS

Incas have no known form of writing

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ECONOMIC SYSTEMS



AGRICULTURE



TRADE

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AGRICULTURAL METHODS



ALL USED

1. IRRIGATION
2. TERRACES



AZTEC
CHIAMPAS

MAYAN & AZTEC
SLASH & BURN
TECHNIQUE















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IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY



ASTRONOMY
(Mayan Observatory)

**The 20 Aztec Day Names
- Later Calendrical Configuration -**

																			
4	3	2	1	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Lizard	House	Wind	Crocodile	Flower	Rain	Knife	Motion	Vulture	Eagle	Jaguar	Reed	Grass	Monkey	Dog	Water	Rabbit	Deer	Death	Snake

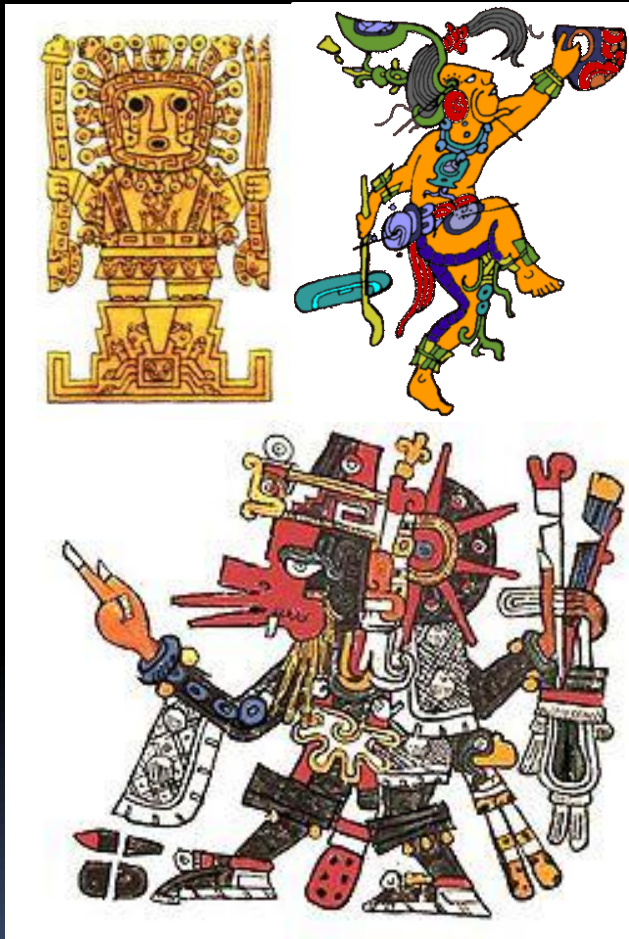
MATHEMATICS



CALENDARS (Lunar & Solar)

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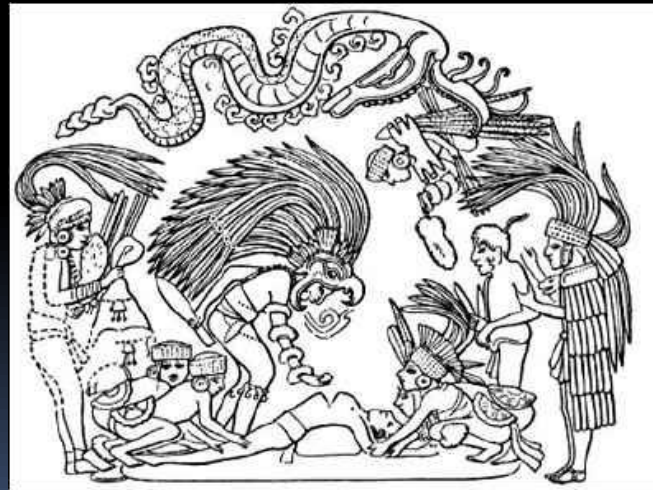
RELIGIOUS PRACTICES



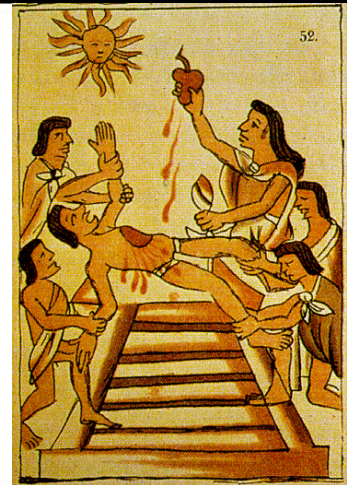
POLYTHEISM



FESTIVALS



SACRIFICES



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Comparing the Rise & Fall of Civilizations

MAYAN TRAITS

1. Religious Beliefs
2. Theocracy
3. City-States
4. Agriculture

STRENGTHS

1. Unified Culture
2. Loyalty to Ruler
3. Wealth / Prosperity
4. Food Production

WEAKNESSES

1. Resources used for Religious Activities
2. Warfare between Kingdoms

AZTEC TRAITS

1. Religious Beliefs
2. Theocracy
3. Empire of many Tributary States

STRENGTHS

1. Unified Culture
2. Loyalty to Ruler
3. Conquests (Land)
4. Prisoners (Sacrifice)

WEAKNESSES

1. Resources used for Religious Activities
2. Rebellions by Tributary States

INCA TRAITS

1. Religious Beliefs
2. Theocracy
3. Major Roads
4. Welfare System

STRENGTHS

1. Unified Culture
2. Loyalty to Ruler
3. Linked City-States
4. Care for People

WEAKNESSES

1. Resources used for Religious Activities
2. Enemy use of Road Networks