

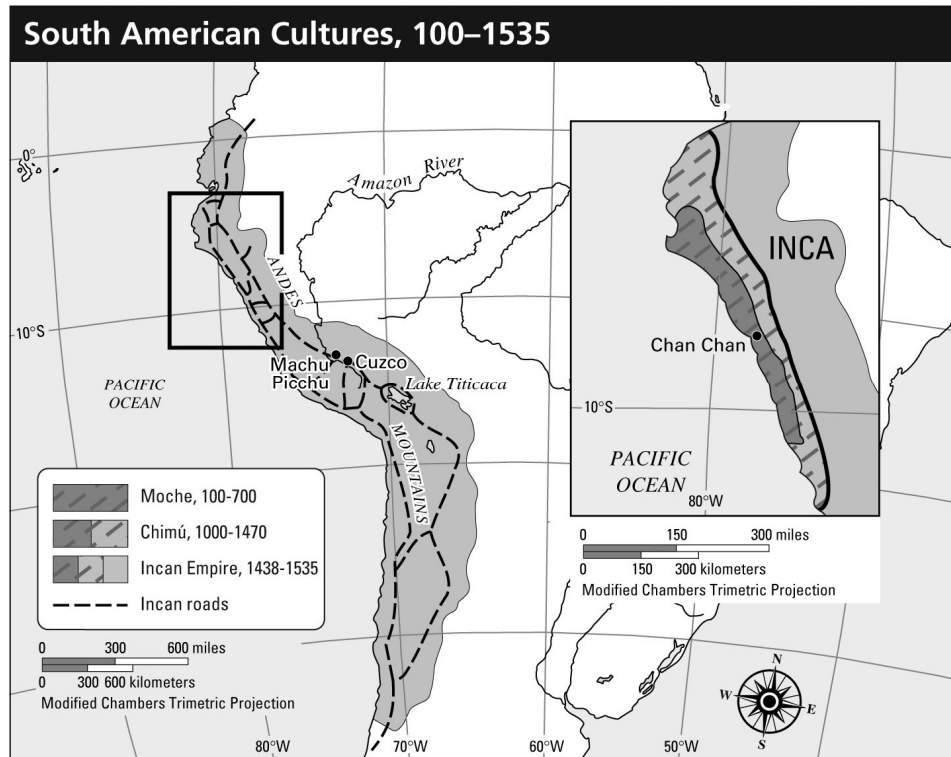
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Mesoamerican Civilizations Quiz

Choose the letter of the best answer.

- _____ 1. The Maya based their calendar on careful observations of:
- A. the planets, sun, and moon.
 - B. the change in the seasons.
 - C. yearly precipitation patterns.
 - D. the migration of birds.
- _____ 2. The Toltecs were all of the following EXCEPT:
- A. a Mesoamerican culture.
 - B. the ancestors of the Aztec.
 - C. builders of pyramids and temples.
 - D. a warlike people who built an empire through conquest.
- _____ 3. Conquered provinces resented Aztec rule because the Aztecs
- A. forced conquered people to migrate.
 - B. used conquered people as soldiers.
 - C. used conquered people for human sacrifice.
 - D. forced conquered people to change their agricultural methods.
- _____ 4. The Inca expanded quickly under the leadership of:
- A. Montezuma.
 - B. Huascar.
 - C. Atahualpa.
 - D. Pachacuti.
- _____ 5. Using glyphs, the Maya were able to do which of the following?
- A. record historic events
 - B. pass on stories from generation to generation
 - C. make calendars
 - D. all of the above

Use the map to select the letter of the best answer.



____ 6. Which of the following ran down the middle of the Incan Empire?

- A. Andes Mountains
- B. Amazon River
- C. Tropic of Capricorn
- D. Lake Titicaca

____ 7. Whose territory included Lake Titicaca?

- A. Chan Chan
- B. Chimú
- C. Moche
- D. Inca

____ 8. Which of the following is the furthest south?

- A. Lake Titicaca
- B. Cuzco
- C. Machu Picchu
- D. Chan Chan

____ 9. Which of the following was the location for Machu Picchu?

- A. about 150 miles southeast of Chan Chan
- B. about 250 miles northwest of Lake Titicaca
- C. about 150 miles northwest of Lake Titicaca
- D. about 100 miles southeast of Chan Chan

People and Empires in the Americas

North America 600-1600

- Government by a variety of small tribes to very complex societies
- Similar religious beliefs in the Great Spirit
- Economy influenced by the environment
- Trade links to other groups

Mesoamerica: Maya 250-900

- Government by city-state kings
- Religion played a major role in society and rule
- Trade links between city-states and other Mesoamerican groups
- Math and astronomy developed to support religious beliefs
- Pyramid builders
- Written language used hieroglyphs

Mesoamerica: Aztec 1200-1521

- Government by warrior-kings
- Religion played a major role in society and rule
- Trade links between tribute states and other Mesoamerican groups
- Human sacrifice practiced for religious offerings
- Pyramid builders
- Pictorial written language

South America: Inca 1400-1532

- Government by theocracy-sun-god king
- Religion played a major role in society and rule
- Social welfare state cared for all people
- Extensive road system linked the country together

- ____ 10. Which of the following was true of the Maya?
- They were governed by a theocracy-the sun-god king.
 - They developed math and astronomy to support their religious beliefs.
 - They were governed by warrior kings.
 - They had a social welfare state that cared for all people under their control.
- ____ 11. In which of the following ways were the Maya and Aztec similar?
- Both were ruled by city-state kings.
 - Both used a written language.
 - Both believed in the Great Spirit.
 - Both were composed of small tribes.
- ____ 12. Which society had both a variety of small tribes and larger, complex societies?
- early North American peoples
 - Maya
 - Aztec
 - Inca
- ____ 13. Which society declined before the Europeans arrived in the Americas?
- Aztec
 - early North American peoples
 - Inca
 - Maya
- ____ 14. Which of the following was true of the Inca?
- They built a giant pyramid with twin temples at the top.
 - They had a written language.
 - They had a social welfare state that cared for all their people.
 - They worshipped the Great Spirit.

- ____ 15. Which of the following was NOT true of the Aztecs?
- A. They were governed by a theocracy.
 - B. Religion played an important role in their society and rule.
 - C. They had trade links with other Mesoamerican groups.
 - D. They practiced human sacrifice for religious offerings.