

Early Civilizations of the Americas

Fill in each part when its number appears on the slide.

Name: _____ Date: _____

PART 1 · TARGET

I can compare the Maya, Aztec, and Inca and explain how geography shaped their achievements.

PART 2 · WARM-UP

1. What does a group of people need to build a large city?

2. How could people farm on a steep mountain or in a swampy lake?

3. How can we learn about people who lived 1,000 years ago?

PART 3 · PREDICTION

How would you grow food on a steep mountain?

Circle one: ☐ Cut flat steps into it ☐ Move somewhere else ☐ Only hunt and fish

PART 4 · VOCABULARY

Word	Meaning
Civilization	
Chinampa	
Terrace farming	
Quipu	

PART 5 · THE MAYA

The Maya built _____, used _____ to write, and understood the concept of _____.

Check: What number is 2 bars and 3 dots?

Answer: _____

PART 6 · THE AZTEC

The Aztec capital was _____. They farmed on _____ in the lake.

Check: How did the Aztec grow food in a lake?

Circle one: (A) Irrigation from the Nile (B) They did not farm (C) Chinampas (floating gardens) (D)

Terraces

PART 7 • THE INCA

The Inca farmed on _____ and kept records on _____.

Check: What number does the quipu cord show?

Answer: _____

PART 8 • ENCOUNTER AND CONQUEST

Conquistadors had horses and steel, but _____ like _____ killed millions.

Check: Which factor killed the most Native people?

Circle one: (A) Disease (B) Steel swords (C) Horses (D) Cannons

PART 9 • WORKED EXAMPLE

Final answer from the example: _____

PART 10 • WE DO

Compare how the Aztec and Inca solved the problem of farming difficult land.

Answer: _____

PART 11 • YOU DO

Which achievement shows the Inca had a highly organized government?

Circle one: (A) A 365-day calendar (B) Pyramids in the rainforest (C) Quipus used to record census counts and tribute (D) Floating gardens

PART 12 • WORK TIME: ARTIFACTS OF THE AMERICAS

Write each code piece as you earn it: Exhibit A: ____ Exhibit B: ____ Exhibit C: ____ Exhibit D: ____

Exhibit E: ____

Final code: _____

PART 13 • WRAP-UP

Was your prediction in Part 3 right? One thing I learned today:
