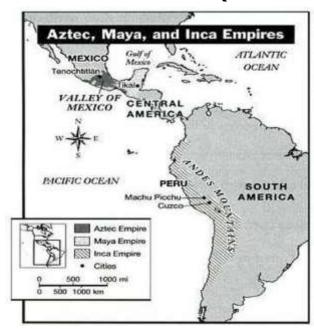
Geography



Early Civilizations in North America

Migration from Asia across Bering Strait

Olmecs

- "Rubber People"
- "Mother" Civilization of Mesoamerica
- Traders
- Played pok-a-tok games
- Temples/Pyramids
- "Colossal Heads"



Maya, Aztec, & Inca

Maya

- **Located primarily on Yucatan Peninsula**
- Economy = Agriculture
- Govt. = City-states ruled by Kings
- Premier cities = Chichén Itzá, Tikal
- Strict social classes
 - Priests, Nobles, Warriors Upper class
- Polytheistic Religion
 - **Human Sacrifices**
 - Pyramid temples
- Achievements
 - Hieroglyphics 0
 - 365-day Calendar
 - Number system 0
 - Astronomy



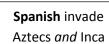
Pyramid at Chichén Itzá

Inca

- **Developed in Andes Mountains**
- Economy = Agricultures
 - High-Altitude Farming; Terrace Farming
- Government = Emperor
 - Socialized Economy; Govt. controlled
- Premier Cities = Cuzco; Machu Picchu
- Religion = Polytheistic
 - Chief god Sun god
- Achievements
 - Quipus (Record-keeping); Engineering;
 - Vast Road network







Chinampas

Aztec

- **Located in Central Mexico**
- Economy = Agriculture
 - Chinampas floating gardens
- Government = Empire
 - Trade & Tribute from conquered peoples
- Premier City = Tenochtitlan
 - Located on Lake Texcoco
- Religion = Polytheistic
 - Chief god Sun god
 - Rituals based on warfare
- Achievements
 - Causeways, Aqueducts, Dams, Canals, Pyramids



Alpaca looking over Machu Picchu