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Period: \_\_\_\_\_

	Maya	Aztec	Inca
<b><u>Geography:</u></b> Where did they live?	Northern Guatemala Yucatan Peninsula	Central Mexico Tenochtitlan- capital located on Lake Texcoco	Andes Mountains Cuzco-capital
<b><u>Politics:</u></b> What kind of government did they have?	<u>Upper Class</u> - all authority - government and religious ceremonies <u>Lower class</u> - formed lands, built temples, observations	Emperor attended to law, trade, tribute, warfare Nobles collected taxes served by judges - govt. officials	Central Rule - Emperor distributed all goods and services - official language - Quechua
<b><u>Economics:</u></b> Did they use money? Did they trade goods?	Traded goods such as cotton, jade, obsidian, cacao	Aztecs collected tribute from people the conquered. Huge trade network gold, cotton, jewelry	<u>Mita</u> - a labor tax on the lower class No trade. Government distributed goods.
<b><u>Achievements/Technology:</u></b> What did they invent/create?	- observationaries - 365 days calendar - writing system - number zero - Mayan Ball Game	- causeways - roads over water - chinampas - floating gardens - canals - masks/ jewelry - calendar - pyramids	Masonry - stonework Quipus - record keeping w. knotted cords oral stories, jewelry
<b><u>Society and Culture:</u></b> Did they have a class system?	1) kings 2) <u>upper class</u> - priests, merchants, warriors 3) <u>lower class</u> - farmers	1) Emperor 2) Nobles 3) Priests + warriors 4) Artisans + Merchants 5) farmers / laborers	1) <u>upper class</u> - emperor, priests, govt. officials, no mita, finest cloths & houses 2) <u>lower class</u> - farmers, artisan, no slaves - mita
<b><u>Religion:</u></b> Who did they worship? Were there sacrifices?	- worshipped many gods - human sacrifice on occasion	- worshipped many gods - human sacrifice on regular basis	- Thought rulers were related to sun god. - sacrificed llamas, cloth, food - rarely sacrificed humans
<b><u>Decline:</u></b> What events led to the societies decline?	- could not grow enough food due to drought - warfare between cities	- Moctezuma II killed - conquered by Hernan Cortes and Spanish in 1521.	- Atahualpa captured and killed. - conquered by Francisco Pizarro and Spanish in 1537.