|  |
| --- |
| Name: |
| Humanities | 6th Grade  Study Guide Olmec, Maya, Aztec, [Inca] Test |

1. **The Olmec civilization is sometimes known as:**
2. Mighty Mesoamerica
3. The Mother Civilization
4. The American Mesopotamia
5. The Three Sisters
6. **Olmec ideas primarily spread through:**

A. war

B. carrier pigeon

C. trade

D. traveling priests

1. **Two agricultural innovations used by the Mayans were:**
2. dams and plows
3. plows and canals
4. terracing and monocropping
5. intercropping and terracing
6. **Some interesting parallels we see between Mayan civilization and other Eurasian civilizations we have studied are:**

A. zero, pyramids, and ideographic writing

B. human sacrifice, polytheism, and codified law

C. polytheism, pyramids, and iron weapons

D. siege engines, zero, and coinage

1. **One key difference between Mayan civilization and other Eurasian civilizations we have studied is that it:**

A. worshipped multiple gods

B. did not build pyramids

C. did not have a form of writing

D. did not grow up along a prominent river

1. **The Aztecs chose their homeland because the War God:**

A. sent a pillar of fire that marked where they should go

B. sent an eagle grasping a snake on a cactus

C. caused them to lose a war and retreat to the land

D. led them himself to the site of their new city

1. **The counting system of the Aztecs was based on:**
2. multiples of 10 (fingers)
3. multiples of 20 (fingers and toes)
4. multiples of 5 (fingers on one hand)
5. they did not have a counting system
6. **The Aztecs committed human sacrifice to:**

A. get rid of prisoners of war

B. punish slaves

C. keep people entertained

D. keep the world from ending

1. **A chinampa is:**
2. a rodent from Mesoamerica
3. a grain that the Aztecs harvested
4. a floating farm the Aztecs developed
5. the coastal plain of Mexico
6. **The Aztecs came up with the following innovations/solutions to living in the middle of a lake:**

A. causeways, canals, and dikes

B. boats, bows, and baths

C. chariots, dams, and pyramids

D. obsidian tools, intercropping, and boats

1. **The city where the Incas originally settled and became the capital of their empire was called:**

A. Tikal

B. Tenochtitlán

C. Cuzco

D. Lima

1. **What major land formation ran the length of the Inca Empire?**
2. Amazon River
3. Andes Mountains
4. Pacific Ocean
5. Pampas
6. **Once the Inca conquered a new group what did they do with the sons of the conquered leaders?**

A. killed them in a religious ceremony

B. sold them into slavery

C. kidnapped them and sold them for ransom

D. took them hostage and taught them Inca ways

1. **The Inca tax, known as *mitima*, was paid with:**
2. a fixed time of labor
3. a fixed amount of potatoes
4. an amount of corn based on harvest
5. a fixed amount of gold and silver
6. **What did the Inca use to communicate (besides talking)?**

A. glyphs

B. cuneiform

C. knotted strings

D. stick patterns

**Key Terms (2pts each):** Match the key term from column 2 with its description in column 1.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Column 1 |  | Column 2 |  |  |
| 1.\_\_\_\_\_ | Picture symbols used by Mayans to communicate. | A. | slash-and-burn |  |  |
| 2.\_\_\_\_\_ | The region of Middle America that includes central and southern Mexico and Central America. | B. | tumpline |  |  |
| 3.\_\_\_\_\_ | Cutting and setting fire to parts of the rain forest to provide land for growing crops. | C. | obsidian |  |  |
| 4.\_\_\_\_\_ | A volcanic glass. | D. | glyphs |  |  |
| 5.\_\_\_\_\_ | An Olmec invention to help carry heavy loads. | E. | Mesoamerica |  |  |

**Short Answer (5pts):** Name some characteristics that the Aztecs had in common with other cultures we have studied (Mesopotamia, ancient Egypt, ancient India, and/or ancient China?

**Short Answer (5pts):** The Aztecs are known for their fierce warriors and human sacrifices, but what other accomplishments in Aztec society did you learn about?

**Short Answer (5pts):** In regards to individual rights, how was Aztec society different than other patriarchal societies we have studied?

**Short Answer (5pts):** Why would we study Aztec and Inca civilizations that came to prominence in the 15th Century when we are in a class that studies Ancient Civilizations from pre-history to the 4th Century?

**Short Answer (5pts):** Name at least 3 accomplishments from Inca society that you learned about.