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Pre-Columbian Civ. Webquest

Aztec, Maya, and Incan WebQuest

During this webquest, you will complete the following tasks:

- On the map provided, you will identify where the Incan, Maya, and Aztec empires were located.
- You will answer the questions pertaining to each civilization.
- Once you have finished the above tasks, you will answer the following questions in paragraph form:
 - a. Which of the 3 civilizations would you have wanted to live in? Give at least two reasons why.
 - b. Of the two civilizations you would not want to have lived in, give one reason for each why you would not have wanted to live in either of those.

(This must be in paragraph form, so there should be *at least* two paragraphs; One on the civilization you want to live in and one on why you would not want to live in the other two.)

Use the links below to answer the questions and complete the tasks.

Geography: On the map provided...

- Identify/Label where the Incan, Mayan, and Aztec civilizations were located.
http://www.ducksters.com/history/aztec_maya_inca.php
- In what modern countries would you have found these civilizations?
 - <http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/na.htm> (Maya and Aztec)
 - <http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/sa.htm> (Inca)

Religions:

- Why did each of these civilizations use human sacrifice?
<http://mayaincaaztec.com/humansacrifice.html>
 - Mayans-
 - Aztecs-
 - Incans-

Aztecs:

- **Tenochtitlan-** http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nS6MpVbB_g
 - How was Tenochtitlan constructed?
 - What makes Tenochtitlan so astounding and unique?
- **Aztec Agriculture-**
<http://www.aztec-history.com/aztec-farming.html>
 - What were chinampas?
- **Aztec Food-**
<http://www.aztec-history.com/aztec-food.html>
 - What was the staple of the Aztec diet?
 - According to this website, what one of the greatest gifts to the world from Mexico and how was it used?

Maya:

- **Chichen Itza-**
<http://mayaincaaztec.com/chityupe.html>
 - What structures can be found at Chichen Itza and what was their purpose?
- **Tikal-**
<http://mayaincaaztec.com/tikalguatemala.html>
 - Why was Tikal so important to the Mayans?
- **Ball Game-**
<http://www.ballgame.org/main.asp?section=2>

The bolded word at the beginning of each question indicates the page you should click on

- **Ball:** The Mayans were the first to use this substance for the ball/
- **Court:** How was the court shaped?
- **Game:** What happened to those who lost the ball game? Why did this happen?

- **Calendar-**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhWlrvjk9Yg>

You only need to watch the first 1:30.

- How many calendars did the Maya have?
- How long would it take before the cycle would begin again?

- **Numbers-**
<http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/numbers/maya/>

- What were the base numbers for the Mayans?
- Using the website, draw write the following numbers using Mayan writing:
 - 16-
 - 105-
 - 2017-

Inca:

- **Achievements**
http://www.ducksters.com/history/inca/science_and_technology.php

- **Roads & Communication**
 - What was the main purpose of Incan roads?
 - Explain how “chaskis” worked.

- **Record Keeping**

- How did the Incans keep records? Explain how their record keeping system worked.

- **Leaders**
<http://incas.mrdonn.org/pachacuti.html>

- Who was Pachacuti and why is he important?

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