**WHI 11 Ancient Americans: Mayans, Aztecs & Incans**

**MAYANS**

* Location= Rainforests of Central America and Mexico
* Major city= Chichén Itzá
* Government= Groups of city-states ruled by a king
* Economy= based on Agriculture & Trade
* Religion= Polytheistic
* Built Pyramids

**AZTECS**

* Location= Arid (dry) valley of Central Mexico
* Major city= Tenochtitlan
* Government= Empire ruled by a King
* Economy= agriculture and tribute (money) paid by conquered peoples
* Religion= Polytheistic, used human sacrifices for rituals
* Built Pyramids

**INCANS: The Key Facts**

* Location: Andes mountains of South America
* Major city= Machu Picchu
* Government= Empire ruled by an emperor
* Economy= High altitude, terraced farming
* Religion= Polytheistic
* Built a major road system

**Mayan Advances**

* History= Mayans wrote of their own and their neighbor’s history using their own system of hieroglyphics
* Religion= Mayans wrote about their religious beliefs and rituals but Spanish conquistadors destroyed many records
* Architecture= Built pyramids as their temples
* Astronomy= 365 day solar calendar
* Math= Number system that included place values (ex 134,000) and zero