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|  | **Aztec** | **Maya** | **Inca** |
| **Location** | *Central America, Mexico* | *Central America* | *South America, along the Andes* |
| **Time Periods** | *1200 to 1521* | *400BC-1517AD* | *1200-1572AD* |
| **Origin story** | *Eagle perched on a cactus eating a serpent*  | *Primordial waters with 7 feathered gods* | *Manco Capac and the golden stick* |
| **Capital** | *Tenochtitlan* | *Various city-states:Tikal, Chichen Itza, Copan, Palenque, Mayapan* | *Cuzco* |
| **Economy** | *Farming (corn, beans, tomatoes, squash) - chinampas* | *Farming (corn, beans, squash) through intercropping,Trade* | *Farming (corn, cotton, potatoes) - Terraces* |
| **Religion** | *Polytheistic, sun god most important, human sacrifice* | *Polytheistic, king’s blood is sacred, sacrificed animals and some humans* | *Polytheistic, some human sacrifice* |
| **Government** | *Very powerful king, highly centralized, war was for captives to sacrifice* | *Well organized city states each with a king, war was for tribute* | *King at the center of empire,**War is for conquest* |
| **Technology** | *Built monumental architecture, chinampas, calendar* | *Writing, math, monumental architecture, calendar* | *Terraces, irrigation, medicine, roads, monumental architecture, no writing* |
| **End of Civilization** | *Cortes and the Spanish kill the king, the empire ended* | *Abandoned cities, disappeared*  | *Civil war and Spanish invasion* |
| **Contributions** | *Corn, calendar, architecture* | *Calendar, corn, writing, math, architecture* | *Medicine, irrigation, terraces* |
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| **End of Civilization** |  |  |  |
| **Contributions/Legacy** |  |  |  |