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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** | |  | |  | |  |