

Chapter 19 study guide

1. Many Maya pyramids were topped by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Aztecs built \_\_\_\_\_ to carry fresh water across Lake Texcoco.
3. Maya astronomers built \_\_\_\_\_ to follow the paths of objects in the sky.
4. The first Mesoamerica civilizations began right after people crossed the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. At its peak, the Aztec empire extended from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ ran the everyday operations of the Aztec government.
7. The Olmec civilization of Mesoamerica developed where? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. How did Aztecs increase land available for farming? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Many feats of Aztec engineering were made necessary by Tenochtitlan's location which was where?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
10. How did the Aztecs take control of the basin known as the Valley of Mexico?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
11. A major breakthrough (discovery) of the Maya was \_\_\_\_\_.
12. According to their religion, the Maya believed that kings and priests could \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Aztec kings ruled as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ with total power over their people.
14. The Olmecs used \_\_\_\_\_ to farm the rain forest.
15. The Maya developed an advanced writing system based on symbols called \_\_\_\_\_.
16. How were the religion and the government of the Maya connected?  
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17. Why have Maya ruins been so important in learning about their culture?  
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18. What role did warfare play in Aztec society and history?

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19. How did the first civilizations of Mesoamerica influence the Maya?

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20. How did the Aztecs apply their engineering skills to the challenges of living on an island?

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21. How did the Aztecs build the great wealth of their empire?

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