Agriculture in the highlands

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Objectives

• Discuss the different agricultural practices within the highlands area.
Where are the highlands located??
Let's review some features!

• Has a lot of valleys
• Cool and drier
• Low rain fall
How would you farm this?
How about this one?
Terracing!

- a piece of sloped plane that has been cut into a series of successively receding flat surfaces, which resemble steps, for the purposes of more effective farming.
What are the benefits of terracing?

- Create farms out of steep hills
- Decrease soil erosion
- Decrease in surface runoff
- Provides very good irrigation
Think about other things that may be practiced in this area!
Yes exactly! CHINAMPAS!
What are Chinampas?

• Small artificial island built on a freshwater lake for agricultural purposes.
• It consists in building up a number of narrow islands, using layers of vegetation, dirt, and mud.
What are the benefits of the Chinampas?

• The lake provides the chinampa with moisture laden with decomposing organic wastes that irrigate and fertilize the island's soil

• supports a highly productive form of cultivation
Let's review!

• What are some features of the Highlands?
• What is terracing?
• What are chinampas?