

Test 1 study guide- Pre-Columbian Heritage of the Americas.

Major Topics covered



Geography of the Americas- Key Terms- Latin America; Central America, Isthmus; Ring of Fire.



Migration & Pre-ceramic People (Paleo Indian & Archaic Period)- Key Terms- Clovis Point; **EXPLAIN** Beringia Theory & Pacific Model Theory.

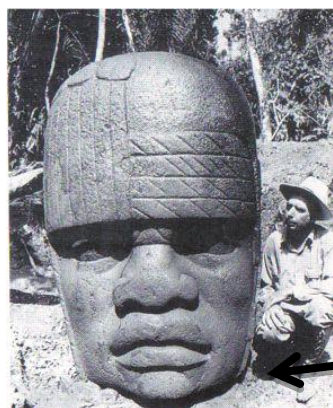


The Apaches- Key Terms- Apache (Zuni-means “Enemy”); Wickiups- Traditional Dwellings; Geronimo; Trail of Tears. *Discuss the Native Americans portrayal by Hollywood! What is a Native American Reservation? Why do they live in RESERVATIONS?*

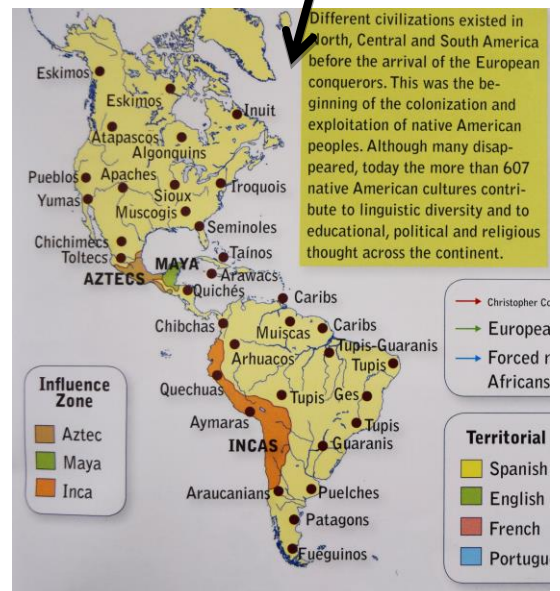
Empires of the Americas before Europeans Arrive

The Aztecs- Key Terms- Tenochtitlan; Tzompantli (skull rack), Mexica; Mythical Origins (Eagle perched on cactus with snake-Mexico coat of arms); Quetzalcoatl; Triple Alliance (Tenochtitlan, Texcoco, Tlacopan)

The Incas- Key Terms- Machu Picchu; Andes; Quipu



The Olmec- Key Terms- “Mother Culture” of Mesoamerica; Major Centres (La Venta, San Lorenzo); Zoomorphism (were jaguar). *Are the head evidence of African influence? Explain what is meant by the Olmec being the “Mother Culture” of Mesoamerica.*



Different civilizations existed in North, Central and South America before the arrival of the European conquerors. This was the beginning of the colonization and exploitation of native American peoples. Although many disappeared, today the more than 607 native American cultures contribute to linguistic diversity and to educational, political and religious thought across the continent.