

Geography challenge 6   
Geography Challenge Handout 6

Civilizations of the Americas pp 160 (256+257 text)

Question 1

Find the area in the Americas where the Mayan and Aztec civilizations were located. Shade and label them on your map.   
In which modern countries did the Mayan civilization exist? In which modern country did the Aztec civilization exist?

**The Mayan civilization existed in the** modern **countries of Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador.   
The Aztec civilization existed in the modern country of Mexico.**

# Question 2

Find the area in the Americas where the Inca civilization was located. Shade and label the area on your map.   
In which modern countries did the Inca civilization exist?

**The Inca civilization existed in the modern countries of Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina.**

Question 3

What are three important physical features found in southern Mexico and Guatemala?   
Label each feature on your map, and draw a symbol to represent it.

**The Guatemalan Highlands, Yucatan   
Peninsula, and Petén Rainforest are found   
in southern Mexico and Guatemala.**

# Question 4

What are three important physical features found in central Mexico?   
Label each feature on your map, and draw a symbol to represent it.

**The** Sierra **Madre Occidental, Sierra Madre   
Oriental, and Valley of Mexico are found in   
central Mexico.**

# Question 5

What are three important physical features found along the west coast of South America? Label each feature on your map, and draw a symbol to represent it.

**The Andes Mountains, Lake Titicaca, and the Atacama Desert are found along the west coast of South America.**

# Question 6

Which civilization existed primarily in a tropical wet climate zone?

**The Mayan civilization existed primarily in the tropical wet climate zone.**

# Question 7

What are the principal climate zones in which the   
Aztecs existed? Be sure to note where the Aztec capital is located.

**The principal climate zones for the Aztecs were the semiarid, highland, and tropic wet climate zones.**

Question 8

What are the principal climate zones in which the   
Incas existed?   
Be sure to note where the Inca capital is located.

**The principal climate zones for the Incas were the highland, tropical wet, tropical wet and dry, semiarid, subtropical dry, and desert climate zones.**