

## The Pre-Columbian Mesoamerican Empires

Aztec	Inca	Maya
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### Summary:

- With your group, create a **poster** that details the achievements, culture, and history of your given Mesoamerican civilization. Your group will then give a **5 to 10-minute presentation** using the poster. Finally, the information collected from all the presented civilizations will be used to write **an essay**.

### The Poster:

- The poster needs to include the following **research topics** regarding your civilization (each topic must have at least 1 visual on the poster):
  - o **Achievements/Innovations**
    - Technology, science, medicine
  - o **Beliefs/Religion**
    - God(s), Practices, Places of Worship
  - o **Art**
    - Art styles, jewelry, writing, masks
  - o **Geography/History**
    - Map of location, capital city, years of existence, important events (and years)
  - o **Other Culture (Choose 1 additional item)**
    - Popular cuisines, daily life, social structures, sports, etc.

*\*A poster will not be given until enough information is collected and/or a preview of the poster is show to the teacher*

### Citations:

- The group needs to provide 1-printed page of citations (minimum 6). No Baidu or Wikipedia links allowed.

### Useful Websites:

#### Aztec –

- Aztec Culture: <http://indians.org/indigenous-peoples-literature/aztecs-of-mexico.html>
- More General Info: [https://www.ancient.eu/Aztec\\_Civilization/](https://www.ancient.eu/Aztec_Civilization/)
- More Aztec Culture: <http://www.crystalinks.com/aztecculture.html>
- Daily Life and More: <https://aztecs.mrdonn.org/>

#### Inca –

- General Information: [http://www.crystalinks.com/inca\\_civilization.html](http://www.crystalinks.com/inca_civilization.html)
- Daily Life: <https://incas.mrdonn.org/empire.html>
- Myths and Religions:  
[http://www.mythicjourneys.org/bigmyth/myths/english/eng\\_inca\\_culture.htm](http://www.mythicjourneys.org/bigmyth/myths/english/eng_inca_culture.htm)
- History and More: <https://www.livescience.com/41346-the-incas-history-of-andean-empire.html>

#### Maya –

- General Info: <http://www.civilization.ca/civil/maya/mmc01eng.html#menu>
- Daily Life: <http://mayas.mrdonn.org/dailylife.html>
- Chichen Itza: <http://www.mysteriousplaces.com/mayan/TourEntrance.html>
- Mayan Astronomy, Math, and Calendar: <http://www.michielb.nl/maya/astro.html>

## Rubrics

### **Poster (Due Friday, 12/14)**

<b>Information and Accuracy</b> – The information presented is clear, understandable, and accurate to your civilization	
<b>Organization</b> – The poster is organized well with 1 visual representation from each topic. Name of civilization is shown clearly	
<b>Citation</b> – On a printed document, 6 sources need to be cited. No links from Wikipedia or from Baidu	
<b>Visual Quality</b> – The poster shows effort and thought (color, design, presentation) regarding the proper representation of the civilization	

### **Presentation (Due Monday, 12/17)**

<b>Information and Accuracy</b> – The information presented is clear, understandable, and accurate to your civilization	
<b>Organization</b> – Each person has a speaking role and gives information about a certain aspect of the poster	
<b>Presentation</b> – Group members speak clearly and loudly. Members support each other and have had practiced their presentations	

**Essay Prompt:** In What Ways Were the Civilizations of Mesoamerica Considered an Advanced Culture (prior to the arrival of Columbus)?