

Vocabulary

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Course: History of Latin American

Unit: From the Forest to the City: Latin
America's Original People

Lesson: Great Civilizations

aboriginal people: people having existed in a region from the beginning.

civilization: an advanced state of human society in which a high level of culture, science, industry and government has been reached.

codex: antique manuscript.

class system: an extended social group having a distinctive cultural and economic organization.

deity: the essential nature or condition of being divinity.

empire: a political unit having an extensive territory or comprising a number of territories or nations and ruled by a single authority.

hieroglyphs: a system of writing in which pictorial symbols are used to represent meaning.

nobility: a privileged class holding hereditary titles.

priest: person designed to perform the sacred rituals of a religion.

pyramids: a structure where the outer surfaces are triangular and converge at a point.

tributes: money or other valuable thing paid by one ruler or nation to another.

truce: a suspension of arms by agreement of the commanders of opposing forces.