READ THE FOLLOWING TEXT

THE ANCIENT CIVILIZATION

The Aztec Civilization

The Aztecs, who probably originated as a nomadic tribe in northern Mexico, arrived in Mesoamerica around the beginning of the 13th century. From their magnificent capital city, Tenochtitlan, the Aztecs emerged as the dominant force in central Mexico, developing an intricate social, political, religious and commercial organization.

They were the first people to discover chocolate! They made a drink that's similar to the hot chocolate we drink today. Their capital city, Tenochtitlán, was in the same place as Mexico City now. Like the Egyptians, they built temples and pyramids for gods and kings. The 'Day of the Dead' originated with the Aztecs.

The Maya Civilization

The Ancient Mayans lived in the Yucatán around 2600 B.C. Today, this area is southern Mexico, Guatemala, northern Belize and western Honduras. By 250 A.D., the term Maya came from the ancient Yucatan city of Mayapan, the capital of the last Mayan Kingdom. The Maya civilization is known for the Maya hieroglyphic script, as well as for its art, architecture, and mathematical and astronomical systems.

The Maya used a number system with the base number of 20 (we use a base-10 number system). They wrote numbers using a system of bars and dots. A bar represented the number 5. Every 5 numbers they added another bar. The number zero was written with a symbol that looked like a shell.

The Incas Civilization

This culture is famed for the unique art and innovative architecture. This was the largest empire ever seen throughout history to inhabit the Americas. The largest building of Incan people was known as Machu Picchu. The Inca Empire was called Tawantinsuyo in Quechua, which means "four regions". The Inca built a variety of bridges including suspension bridges and pontoon bridges. One of the main forms of medicine used by the Inca was the coca leaf. The Inca developed aqueducts to bring fresh water into town. The basic unit of distance used by the Inca was one pace or a "thatki".

AFTER YOU READ

A: Getting the main ideas. Write the answer in order to complete the sentences.

1. Aztecs were the first people to discover .....
2. Their capital city, Tenochtitlán, was in the same place as .....now.
3. The Maya civilization is known for the Maya hieroglyphic .....
4. Maya created an important number system with .....
5. The Inca developed aqueducts to bring .....

B: Making Inferences: Complete sentences. Drag the missing word (s).

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1. Today a popular tradition in Mexico is ..... Tradition that was created by Aztecs.
2. The Mayans contributed to mathematics when they created .....
3. Incas used medicinal plants for curing diseases for instance .....
4. ..... was the Incas language.

"DAY OF THE DEAD"	QUECHUA	THE COCA LEAF	A SYSTEM OF NUMBER

C. Grammar: Simple Past Tense. Identify the verbs and write if this is <u>REGULAR</u> or <u>IRREGULAR</u>.

ORIGINATED	.....	USED	.....	BUILT	.....
MADE	.....	COME	.....	LIVED	.....
DEVELOPED	.....	ADDED	.....	WROTE	.....
EMERGED	.....	REPRESENTED	.....		

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