

Geography of Aztec, Mayan, and Incan Empires

Matching:

1. _____ - the physical environment and how it influences the economy and culture
2. _____ - encouraged nomads to move between water sources
3. _____ - surrounding ocean provided food sources
4. _____ - created fertile farm land
5. _____ - timber was used for building
6. _____ - covered Northern area while valleys had some of the highest mountains of the world
7. _____ - North America, Central America, and South America
8. _____ - western ridge and northern main land Mexico
9. _____ - to the East of Mexico
10. _____ - between the two mountain ranges
11. _____ - located at the Southern tip of Mexico that juts into Gulf of Mexico

Sierra Madre Occidental Mountains Yucatan Peninsula Geography Scorching deserts

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flooding rivers

Mountains

Islands

Tropical Rainforests

Central Plateau of Mexico

Multiple Choice:

1. North to South, the Inca Empire stretched _____ miles.
 - a) 3,500
 - b) 2,500
 - c) 1,700
2. The valleys were 11,000 feet _____ sea level.
 - a) Below
 - b) Above
 - c) under
3. The Sierra Madre Del Sur Mountains were to the _____.
 - a) North
 - b) South
 - c) West
4. The capital city of Tenochtitlan was built upon _____, eventually becoming Mexico City.
 - a) Lake Tahoe
 - b) Lake Texcoco
 - c) Lake Pontchartrain
5. Lake Texcoco was _____ square miles, roughly the same size of the Hawaiian Island of Oahu.
 - a) 460
 - b) 400
 - c) 580
6. The Aztecs built _____ between islands so canoes could still travel the lake and arched _____ over the water so merchants could access markets with their goods. The bridges were _____ in the event that they needed to defend their city.
 - a) Canals, bridges, retractable
 - b) Bridges, signs, floating
 - c) Poles, buildings, cemented
7. The Aztecs built a double _____ system that brought in fresh water.
 - a) Canal
 - b) Aqueduct
 - c) Filter

8. The Incan Empire was located on the _____ side of South America.

- Eastern
- Northern
- Western

9. The Aztec Empire was located in central and southern _____.
a) USA
b) Africa
c) Mexico

10. The highlands in the south of the Mayan civilization ran along the mountain range that had active _____.
a) volcanos
b) earthquakes
c) lightning storms

11. The lowlands occupied the _____ and _____ part of the region.
a) Eastern, western
b) Central, northern
c) Southern, eastern

12. The Incans Empire had Mountains, _____ and deserts.

- Jungles
- Tundras
- Rainforests

13. The Aztecs civilization was created on a marshy island on the _____ tip of Lakecoco.

- Eastern
- Northern
- Western

14. Cuzco was the capital of the Incan empire and was situated high in the _____ mountains.

- Rocky
- Appalachian
- Andes

15. All of these civilizations were based on _____ because their geographic locations allowed them to have very fertile land.

- Agriculture
- Trade
- Selling goods