

The Story of the World

Chapter 32 Test: The American Kingdoms

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The bridge of land that links North America and South America together is called _____.
2. The Mayans lived on the _____ Peninsula, which lies between the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.
3. Tenochtitlan was a great city built by the _____.
4. Huayna Capac was a great king of the _____.
5. The Incas lived in an area that is today called _____.

B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

6. Who lived in the Mayan cities?
 - a. everyone
 - b. farmers
 - c. craftsmen
 - d. kings and noblemen
7. What did the Mayan kings do to look "godlike"?
 - a. paint their faces
 - b. file their teeth
 - c. have pointed heads and crossed eyes
 - d. all of the above
8. What did the Mayan king have to do before a battle?
 - a. sacrifice his children
 - b. shed his own blood
 - c. fast and pray
 - d. play the Mayan ball game

9. Why did the Aztecs decide to build a city in the middle of a lake?
- a. They thought the sun god told them to build there.
 - b. They wanted to have plenty of drinking water for their city.
 - c. They thought it would be easier to protect from enemies.
 - d. They followed an eagle to the lake.
10. How did the Aztecs get their food?
- a. They stole food from people living around the lake.
 - b. They grew crops on top of the lake.
 - c. They bought food from their enemies.
 - d. all of the above
11. What new kind of food did the Aztecs learn how to make?
- a. chocolate
 - b. sweet potatoes
 - c. beer
 - d. green peppers
12. What kinds of goods did the Incas trade?
- a. chocolate and gold
 - b. cloth, pottery, and jewelry
 - c. wool and llamas
 - d. sweet potatoes and jewelry
13. Why was the Incan empire so weak when the Spanish explorers arrived?
- a. They had been attacked by the Aztecs.
 - b. They did not have good roads throughout the kingdom.
 - c. The kingdom had been divided, and the two rulers were fighting with each other.
 - d. They had just endured several earthquakes and famines.

C. True or False. Write “true” or “false.”

- _____ 14. The empires in the Americas fought with each other, just like the empires over in Europe and Asia.
- _____ 15. The Mayans limited the power of the king, just as the nations in Europe did.
- _____ 16. The Aztecs were well-liked by their neighboring tribes.
- _____ 17. According to legend, Manco Capac was the son of the Incan sun god.
- _____ 18. The Incan governors sent messages to each other using knots on a rope.

D. Answer the following question using complete sentences.

19. Why did the Mayan cities crumble away into the jungle?
