

L.A. Empires Chart

	(250 – 900) MAYA	(1325 – 1514) AZTEC	(1438 – 1532) INCA
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honduras • Guatemala • Mexico • Belize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico - Tenochtilan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuzco – a village in the Andes • Peru • Ecuador • Bolivia • Chile • Argentina
ACCOMPLISHMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar • Hieroglyphic • Architecture – large pyramids • Excellent astronomers, predicted eclipses • Concept of “zero” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed over 1,000 medicines • Practiced dentistry • Floating beds (gardens) • Predicted eclipses and the movement of planets • Zoo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census – official count of all the people in an area and how they make a living • Quipus recorded information • Aqueduct, roads, bridges • Political system
AGRICULTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important crop was maize or corn • Beans, squash, peppers, avocados, and papayas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation • Floating gardens (chinampas) • Grew corn, squash, and beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent farmers (terrace) • Grew maize and other crops • Terrace farming & Irrigation
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believed in more than one god (polytheistic) • Performed human sacrifice, or the offering of human life to their gods • Temples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believed in more than one god (polytheistic) • Performed human sacrifice, or the offering of human life to their gods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believed in more than one god (polytheistic) • Performed human sacrifice, or the offering of human life to their gods
CULTURAL ASPECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports – Pok-ta-tok • Farming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge temples • Markets • Crafts • Cocoa • Zoo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relay runners • Class system • Llama wool
DOWNFALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop failure • War • Disease • Drought • Famine • Rebel against priests/nobles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conquered by newcomers from a faraway land • Cortez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish conquered the Inca empire • Pizarro