

## Western Hemisphere Vocabulary



### Key Terms:

Bering Strait: Land bridge used by humans to cross from Asia into the Americas

Chinampas: Raised fields made with mud taken from the bottoms of lakes

Quipu: Kind of knotted string used as a memory aid by the Inca

Terrace Farming: Carving small, flat plots of land from hillsides to use for farming; used by Incas

### Important People:

Olmec: Earliest civilization in Mexico

Maya: One of the most advanced early people in the Americas; occupied most of the Yucatan Peninsula; capital city Chichen Itza

Aztec: Wandering warriors who gradually came to rule central Mexico; capital city Tenochtitlan

Inca: Civilization in the Andes Mountains of South America; capital city Machu Picchu