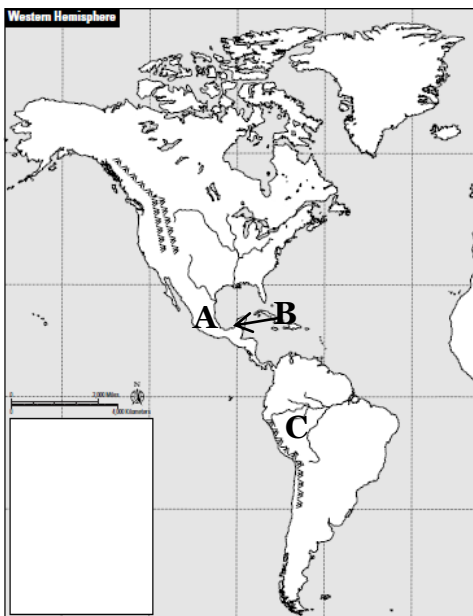


WHI.11ab in a Nutshell

During the last Ice Age, hunter-gatherer societies migrated into the Americas by crossing the **Bering Strait**.

Directions: Identify the civilization



- A. **Aztec Civilization**
- B. **Mayan Civilization**
- C. **Incan Civilization**

Mayan Civilization

- Located on the **Yucatan Peninsula**
- Had **city-state** ruled by a **king**
- Capital city named **Chichen Itza**
- Economy based on **agriculture** and **trade**
- Were **polytheistic** (believed in many gods)
- Practiced human **sacrifice**
- Built **pyramids**
- Developed a **calendar**, had a **number** system with 0, and a **written** language

Aztec Civilization

- Located in **Central Mexico**
- Capital city named **Tenochtitlan** (called Mexico City today)
- Had **city-states** ruled by an **emperor**
- Economy based on **agriculture**; developed **chinampa** farming
- Were **polytheistic** (believed in many gods)
- Built **pyramids**
- Performed human **sacrifices**
- Developed a **calendar**
- Conquered by the **Spanish**

Incan Civilization

- Located in the **Andes Mountains** in South America
- Ruled by an **emperor** with absolute power
- Economy based on high-altitude **agriculture**; developed **terrace** farming
- Were **polytheistic** (believed in many gods)
- Built **temples**
- Had a **road** system, used **quipu** to keep records, and developed a **calendar**
- Conquered by the **Spanish**

The Civilizations of the Western Hemisphere

Similarities	Differences
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polytheistic• Calendars• Economies based on agriculture• Built pyramids/temples• Leaders had absolute power• Made sacrifices to their gods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayans had written language• Incans built roads• Incans located in South America• Aztecs located in the middle of lake