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Mesoamerica - Vocab Cards

Andes]>

a South American mountain range.

I'm hiking the slopes of the _Andes_ next year. I'll start in Venezuela and end in Chile, and see as much of South America's west coast as I can.



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Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

aqueduct]>

a structure or pipe that is meant for carrying water; usually using gravity.

The _aqueduct_ can move water across the entire city.



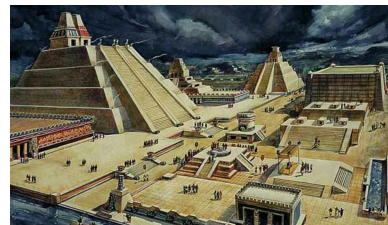
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Aztec]>

a member of an advanced Mesoamerican civilization, indigenous to present-day central Mexico and conquered by Spain in 1519.

Before they were conquered by the Spanish, the _Aztec_ people had established an advanced civilization that included large cities in central Mexico.



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Inca]>

a member of one of the native South American peoples that ruled present-day Peru. They were conquered by the Spanish in the 16th century.

Machu Picchu is an extraordinary city from the civilization of the _Inca_ in Peru.



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intercrop]>

to grow one crop between the rows of another.

The Mayans used advanced farming techniques such as _intercropping_, which involved planting one item between the rows of another.



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Machu Picchu]>

a large, 15th-century Inca city in Peru. It was unknown to archaeologists until its ruins were re-discovered in 1911.

This summer, Alexis is visiting _Machu Picchu_ in northwest Peru. By exploring the Inca ruins, she hopes to learn more about this ancient civilization.



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Maya]>

a member of a civilization from the Yucatan Peninsula. This civilization reached its peak in the 9th century and was known for its mathematical and calendar system, hieroglyphic writing and art.

When I was in Guatemala, I visited the ruins of the _Mayan_ city of Tikal. I studied its impressive pyramids and reservoirs, which could only have been built with a deep knowledge of math.



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Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

Mesoamerica]>

the area from central Mexico to Honduras and Nicaragua where the Olmec, Mayan and Aztec civilizations flourished.

The three major civilizations in _Mesoamerica_ were the Maya, Aztec and Inca.



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Olmec]>

a member of the first Mesoamerican civilization in Guatemala and Mexico, known for pyramids, giant stone head statues and fine jade work.

The _Olmec_, a Mesoamerican civilization, built the first cities in the Americas in parts of Guatemala and Mexico. Their settlements often had pyramids and statues of huge heads!



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terrace]>

a flat area of ground cut into a hill for growing crops.

The farmer created leveled _terraces_ on the hill in order to increase the amount of land available for growing crops.



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