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Mesoamerican Civilizations - Vocab Cards

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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city-state]>

an independent state made up of a city and the land around it.

The _city-state_ of Athens once operated like a small country.



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civilization]>

a well organized, culturally developed society.

We studied the ancient Egyptian _civilization_, including the pharaohs' role in government and religion and the architecture of the Great Pyramid.



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colossal]>

extremely large.

The professional basketball player earns a(n) _colossal_ amount of money.

Synonyms: enormous, gigantic, vast



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conquistador]>

one of the leaders of the Spanish conquests of the Americas in the 16th century.

The Spanish _conquistador_ landed on the shores of the Americas, his sights set on glory and gold.



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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.



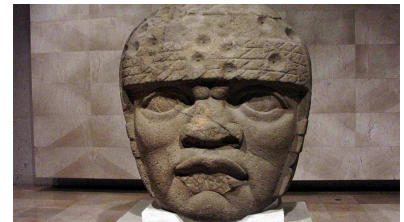
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Olmec]>

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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