

1  **World History I**

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2  **Empires in the Americas**

- North America:
 - Several small cultural centers
 - Ceremonial centers without central government
- Mesoamerica
 - Yucatan Peninsula (Mayans, etc.)
 - Central Mexican Valley: Toltecs, Aztecs
- South America
 - Andes Mountains civilizations.
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3  **Valley of Mexico**

- 1 • Connections
 - Pueblo cultures
 - Missippian cultures
 - Yucatan Peninsula (Mayans)
 - Andes Mountains
- Tula
 - Rose after Teotihuacan
 - Migration of Toltecs, 900 CE.
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4  **Mayan Civilization**

- 1 • Late Classical Mayan, 650-900 CE
 - Dense population
 - Centralized states
 - Clearing rain forests
- Later Mayan states
 - Chichen Itza.
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5  http://www.theancientweb.com/explore/content.aspx?content_id=196  **Valley of Mexico**

- Arrival of Aztecs
 - Origins in North America
 - Migration into Mexican valley
 - Alliances and conquests
 - Empire.

7  **Valley of Mexico**

- Aztec rule
 - Tenochtitlan (capital)
 - Human sacrifice
- Aztec origin myth
 - Ancestor from Mexican valley
 - Huitzilpochtli guided them
 - Eagle settled on cactus.

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- 8 **Valley of Mexico**
- Aztec government and culture
 - Pre-literate culture
 - Human sacrifice
 - Captured warriors
 - Honoring sun god
 - Selective cannibalism
 - Discontent with Aztec rule.
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- 9 **Valley of Mexico**
- Food and population
 - High population density
 - Chinampas
 - Warfare (to reduce pressure?)
 - Cannibalism (insignificant part of diet)
 - Using all available protein sources.
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- 10 **Andes: Tiwanaku**
- Shore of Lake Titicaca
 - Ceremonial center
 - Founding of Empire, c. 600 CE
 - Efficient agricultural base
 - Terracing
 - Micro-climates
 - Trade.
- 11 **Andes: Wari**
- Ayacucho valley
 - Control of existing towns
 - Building new towns
 - Rivalry and friendship with Tiwanaku.
- 12 **Andes**
- Tiwanaku and Wari declined, c. 1100
 - Competing ceremonial centers
 - Rise of Inca, c. 1400
 - Tuantinsuyu Empire
 - Capital of Cuzco.
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- 13 **Andes: Tuantinsuyu Empire**
- Inca foundation myth
 - Four brothers
 - Promised land from four regions
 - Ceremonial feasts provided by elites
 - Mit'a
 - Goods
 - Labor
 - Records on khipu.
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14 **Andes: Tawantinsuyu Empire**

- Military emphasis
- Roads: trade and military.

15 **Chronology of Americas**

- 1 • End of Teotihuacan, c. 600 CE
- Late Mayan Civilization, to 900 CE
- Toltec conquests, 900-1170
- Aztec Empire, 1427-1521
- 2 • Tiwanaku conquests, 600-1100 CE
- Wari conquests, 700-1000 CE
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- Inca Empire, 1438-1533
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