**UNIT II NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES**

**Learning Focus** In this unit, you will explore the major Amerindian societies in Mesoamerica and South America prior to the arrival of the Europeans. We will begin by examining the oldest Mesoamerican civilization, the Olmec, and then we will study the Maya. After examining the Aztec Empire, we will then study the Inca Empire. As we work through this unit, consider the ways that these civilizations were similar and the ways that they differed.

# Unit Essential Questions: Upon the completion of this unit, you will be able to do the following:

# Identify the major civilizations in Mesoamerica and South America prior to the arrival of the Europeans.

# Differentiate between the distinct features of the major civilizations in Mesoamerica and South America prior to the arrival of the Europeans.

# Identify the factors that led to the rise of dense urban societies in parts of Mesoamerica and South America.

# Explain how the peoples of the Americas built large empires and cities without some of the tools available to peoples of Afro Eurasia - especially iron, the wheel, and a wide variety of large, domesticated animals.

# Evaluate the role that the environment played in the formation of American civilizations.

# Unit 2 - Reading Questions and Test Review

# Use the guiding questions below to help you take notes. You should be able to answer these before taking a Unit test.

# 2.1 Guiding Questions:

# What factors allowed the Olmec to develop the first civilization in the Americas?

# What innovations did the Olmec develop?

# 2.2 Guiding Questions:

# What were the structures of Maya society?

# What innovations did the Maya develop?

# What were the important features of the culture of the Maya?

# 2.3 Guiding Questions:

# What were the structures of Aztec society?

# How did the Aztecs manage to rapidly build an empire in Mesoamerica?

# What were the important features of the culture and religion of the Aztecs?

# 2.4 Guiding Questions:

# What were the structures of Inca government?

# Why were the Inca so successful in building such a massive empire?

# What were the important features of the culture and religion of the Inca?

# 2.1 OLMEC

# Olmec Civilization <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/olmec-civilization/>

# The History and Culture of Olmec Civilization

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unayHy60ZnM>

# The Olmec Legacy

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lSO-bFwMx2I>

# The Olmec <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/world-history-beginnings/ancient-americas/a/the-olmec-article>

# 2.2 MAYA

# MAYAN CULTURE <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/topics/maya/?q=&page=1&per_page=25>

# Lost World of the Maya (Full Episode) | National Geographic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MFKy7DJsCY> The Maya, an introduction

# <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-americas/early-cultures/maya/a/the-maya-an-introduction> Mayan civilization

# <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/civilizations-in-the-americas/v/mayans-and-teotihuacan> Vessel with a mythological scene (Maya)

# <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-americas/early-cultures/maya/v/vessel-with-a-mythological-scene-maya> Mirror-Bearer (Maya)

# <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-americas/early-cultures/maya/v/mirror-bearer-maya> Chakalte’, Relief with Enthroned Ruler (Maya) <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-americas/early-cultures/maya/v/chakalte-relief-with-enthroned-ruler-maya>

# 2.3 AZTECS

# Aztec Civilization <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/aztec-civilization/> Introduction to the Aztecs (Mexica) <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-americas/early-cultures/aztec-mexica/a/introduction-to-the-aztecs-mexica>

# Aztec Empire

# <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/whp-origins/era-5-the-first-global-age/52-old-world-webs-betaa/v/aztec-empire> Unearthing the Aztec past, the destruction of the Templo Mayor <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/indigenous-americas-apah/north-america-apah/v/unearthing-templo-mayor> Coatlicue

# <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-americas/early-cultures/aztec-mexica/v/coatlicue>

# The Sun Stone (The Calendar Stone)

# <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/indigenous-americas-apah/north-america-apah/v/sun-stone>

# 2.4 INCA

# Incan Empire <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/photo/census-inca/>

# Machu Picchu <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/video/history-101-machu-picchu/>

# Uncovering Ancient Incan History | Lost Cities with Albert Lin

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anZXKv_E1oQ>

# Inca Empire overview

# <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/whp-origins/era-5-the-first-global-age/52-old-world-webs-betaa/v/inca-empire-overview>

# Inka ushnus: landscape, site and symbol in the Andes <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-americas/south-america-early/inca-art/v/inca-ushnus>