Ancient Meso- and Central America: Maya, Aztec, Inca

Today you will be exploring three different Ancient American civilizations. First you should complete the chart on all of the Mesoamerican and Central American Cultures. When you finish the chart you should choose **one** of the activities below

Use the following websites to complete your chart.

* [Maya Ruins](http://www.mayaruins.com/)
	+ Pictures and information on various archaeological sites on the Yucatán peninsula.
* [An Excursion to Cities of Mysterious Pasts](http://yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1994/3/94.03.06.x.html)
	+ A unit developed by a teacher from the Yale-New Haven Teacher's Institute on planning a trip to Mexico City to visit key historic sites.
* [Selected Major Mesoamerican Sites](http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/masummary.html#major_sites)
	+ Articles and photographs of travel-worthy monuments in the Yucatán peninsula and Western Mexico.
* [The Lost Inca Empire](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/lost-inca-empire.html)
	+ NOVA's account of the flourishing empire of the Incas.
* [Peru: History and Culture](http://www.geographia.com/peru/peruhistory.htm)
* [The Inca Trail and Machu Picchu](http://raingod.com/angus/Gallery/Photos/SouthAmerica/Peru/IncaTrail/)
	+ Four days of the Inca Trail with photographs and text.
* [Mexico: History and Culture](http://www.geographia.com/mexico/mexicohistory.htm)
* [Aztec and Inca Civilizations](https://www.sascurriculumpathways.com/portal/Launch?id=1219)
	+ Login for this website is: RHSRams
	+ Watch Background Movies to learn about Inca and Aztec culture.
* [BrainPop: Maya Civilization](http://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/worldhistory/mayacivilization/)
	+ Watch this video to explore Mayan civilization.

**Activity Options**

* Create an online poster on glogster.com. You should compare and contrast the three civilizations based on the information from your chart. Include pictures, videos, and information about the civilizations.
* Create a museum exhibit about he three civilizations using PowerPoint. You should include at least 15 artifacts (at least five for each civilization) that are significant to the civilization along with descriptions of their importance.
* Write a children’s book about the three civilizations using one of the options below.
	1. You may choose to write a non-fiction story (the “who, what, when, where, why, and how’s” of your topic). A good option here is the concept of an “ABC” book. (A word beginning with each letter of the alphabet, followed by a description).
	2. Or you could create a historical fiction story with a plot and characters describing your topic. You still need to include historically accurate information.

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|  | Mayas | Aztecs | Incas |
| Time Period  |  |  |  |
| Location |  |  |  |
| Type of Gov”t and Major Leaders |  |  |  |
| Religious Beliefs(Practices, important gods, etc) |  |  |  |
| Farming Methods / Crops |  |  |  |
| Legacy /Achievements |  |  |  |
| Cause of Decline |  |  |  |