

ANCIENT AMERICAS: BIG IDEAS and KUD Chart | What you should Know, Understand, and be able to Do by the end of the unit

Geography of the Americas	Ancient Andean Civilizations	The Olmec	The Maya
<p>The physical geographies of North and South America are very different.</p> <p>The Andes provide a harsh environment for the people who live there.</p> <p>Meso-America has a variety of landforms and climates.</p>	<p>The art of the Chavín, which featured religious images, influenced other cultures.</p> <p>The Nazca civilization left behind colorful art and mysterious geoglyphs.</p> <p>The Moche created a complex system of agriculture that supported important city structures.</p>	<p>The Olmec lived in a fertile land and developed the first civilization in the Americas.</p> <p>The Olmec had a complex civilization with many great accomplishments in art and learning.</p> <p>Olmec culture spread to other groups of people in Meso-America through trade.</p>	<p>Mayan civilization rose in Central America as the Maya adapted to both highlands and lowlands.</p> <p>Mayan society was divided into social classes and shaped by religion.</p> <p>The Maya produced interesting art and made important advances in learning.</p> <p>The Mayan creation story, the Popol Vuh, was written down in books that survive to this day.</p>

ANCIENT AMERICAS: KUD

KNOW	UNDERSTAND	DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Isthmus ✓ Tropical ✓ Meso-America ✓ Slash-and-Burn Agriculture ✓ Yucatan Peninsula ✓ Chavin ✓ Textiles ✓ Nazca ✓ Aquifer ✓ Moche ✓ Olmec ✓ Mother Culture ✓ Maya ✓ Maize ✓ Steles ✓ Glyphs ✓ Popol Vuh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What is the physical geography of the Americas like? ✓ What geographic features are characteristic of the Andes? ✓ How do the geography and climate of Meso-America contrast with those of the Andes? ✓ What was the Chavín civilization like? ✓ How did the Nazca adapt to their harsh environment? ✓ What does Moche art tell us about their civilization? ✓ What helped the Olmec develop the first civilization in the Americas? ✓ What did the Olmec accomplish in art and learning? ✓ How did the Olmec influence other cultures? ✓ Where did Mayan civilization rise? ✓ How was Mayan society structured? ✓ What were Mayan achievements in art and learning? ✓ How does the Mayan creation story compare to the Christian creation story? 	<p>Locate the Rocky Mtns., Andes Mtns., Yucatan Peninsula, and Meso-America on a world map</p> <p>Attribute images of artifacts/features from the Chavin, Nazca, and Moche cultures, for example images of geoglyphs, textiles, terraces, or pottery</p> <p>Interpret and analyze various types of maps, graphs, and charts relevant to the study of the ancient Americas</p>