

Worksheet No (6)

Name	Title Reading Skills	Date
Semester.....2 nd	W S type : Assessment	Class : 10
Learning Outcomes: 1- To read for specific information.		

Reading

Civilizations of Mesoamerica

Before Europeans arrived in the Americas, Mesoamerica (which includes Mexico and Central America) was home to several advanced civilizations.

Three of the main groups were the Olmecs, the Maya, and the Aztecs.

The Olmecs were the first to create an advanced civilization. Around 1200 B.C. they began to build cities and create a trade network in the jungles of southeastern Mexico, along the Gulf of Mexico. They carved giant stone heads, some weighing as much as forty-four tons. By 400 B.C. their culture was in decline, but their achievements influenced other civilizations to come.

By A.D. 250 another powerful culture, the Maya, had emerged in Mesoamerica. The Maya built great stone cities, or ceremonial centers, in the lowland jungles and mountain highlands of southern Mexico and northern Central America. Mayan cities, including Palenque, Tikal, and Copan, featured elaborate pyramids, temples, and palaces. The Maya built irrigation canals for their fields. They also developed a writing system, a calendar, and advanced knowledge of mathematics and astronomy. After A.D. 900 their culture began to decline, though Mayan peoples continue

to live in the region to this day.

The third great civilization of Mesoamerica was the Aztec. It emerged in the dry highlands of central Mexico after A.D. 1200. The Aztecs built a great city, Tenochtitlan, on an island in a large lake in the Valley of Mexico. They were also great warriors. By the early 1500s they had conquered many neighboring groups and had created a large empire. When the Spanish arrived in Mexico in 1519, they were astounded by the wealth and achievements of the Aztec empire.

A. Answer these questions:

1- What were the main groups of civilizations before Europeans' arrival to America?

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2- What did The Olmecs begin to build around 1200 B.C. ?

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3- What did the Maya develop?

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4- What had The Aztec created”?

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5- Find words in the passage with the same meaning as:

(A) affected :

(B) accomplishment :

6- What do the underlined words refer to

(A) (which)

(B) (they)

7- Write (T) or (F) :

(A) By 600 B.C. the culture of Olmecs was in decline. ()

(B) The Spanish arrived in Mexico in 1519. ()

8-Write a suitable title for the passage:

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