Meso-American Civilizations: Inca, Maya, Aztecs

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| Concepts | Achievements | Similar |
| **geographic features- influenced the development of diverse cultures in pre-Columbian South America**  **Andes Mountains= Terrace farming and rope bridges ( Incas)**  **Aztec, Inca, and Maya civilizations all**  **were highly developed and organized**  **cultures**  **16 A major reason for the end of the Aztec Empire was the technology of the Spanish conquistadors** | Incas: 1400-1532   * **system of terrace farming** * **Built stone structures without using mortar** * **built footbridges that connected their roads across the Andes- extensive trade.** * **adapted to difficult physical environments** * Theocracy- Sun God   Aztec: 1200-1521   * **floating gardens** * **adapt to their geography** * Warrior culture * Human Sacrifice * Pyramid Builders * Picture Writing   Maya: 250-900   * **temple complexes** * **developed the concept of zero** * Developed Calendar- * Advancements: Math & astronomy | **The Aztec, Inca, and Maya civilizations all achieved great progress in developing the arts and architecture**  **Aztec and Inca civilizations- developed advanced architectural techniques- used advanced technology to build complex structures**  **Inca Empire and the Roman Empire- built a system of roadways throughout their empires**  **The Gupta civilization (4th–6th centuries) and the Maya civilization (4th–10th centuries) were**  **similar in that both built temple complexes and developed the**  **concept of zero**  **The Aztec, Inca, and Maya civilizations all achieved great progress in developing the arts and architecture** |