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**Civilizations of Mesoamerica**

**Bookwork 186-194**

1. What is “Mesoamerica”
2. HOW and WHEN was it originally believed human beings first come to the Americas?
3. What motivated these people to follow this path?
4. What does more recent data suggest?
5. What major mountain chains were in the Americas?
6. What two major rivers?
7. What kind of crops did the early Americans domesticate?
8. What example of domesticated animal is provided?
9. Who were the earliest American civilizations?
10. Where did they settle?
11. What is the most dramatic remains of this civilization?
12. Why are they called a “Mother Culture”?
13. Where did the Maya thrive?
14. What two farming methods did the Maya use?
15. What two things were constant themes in Maya life?
16. While not politically united, the Maya maintained contact by what?
17. What six trade goods are mentioned?
18. What kind of religion did the Maya have?
19. Describe what a stela is.
20. What happened to Maya books?
21. What major calendar and mathematic concept did the Maya develop?
22. What happened to Maya civilization?
23. What were the origins of Aztecs?
24. What was their language?
25. What was their capital? On what geographic feature was it built?
26. How did Aztecs expand their farmland?
27. What two things did they develop for transportation?
28. How large, in geography and population, did the Aztec empire become?
29. What is tribute?
30. What was unique about their warrior class?
31. What two major gods did the Aztecs worship?
32. Describe the city of Teotihuacan.
33. How did Aztecs ensure the sun rose each day?

**Critical Thinking**

1. How were Maya similar to classical Greek civilizations?
2. How were the majority of people in Maya and Aztecs civilizations similar?
3. How do you think the Aztecs warlike nature may impact their future?