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## APWH Notes| Early America: Maya, Aztec, Inca (Pairs with AMSCO 6)

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### Outcomes:

- At the conclusion of this section, students will have:
  - Traced the political, economic, social, and religious developments of the Aztec and Inca civilizations
  - Compared and contrasted the characteristics of the Aztec and Inca
  - Determined the reasons for the decline of the Aztec and Inca

### Big Idea:

Prior to the arrival of the Europeans in the late 15th century, the Americas teemed with cultural diversity. Dozens, if not hundreds, of different peoples occupied various environmental and cultural spaces. While some groups, such as the Maya of the Yucatan peninsula, grew to enormous proportions, other groups, mainly in North America, remained somewhat small and isolated. Two groups in particular - the Inca and Aztec - represent the greatest achievements by American societies prior to the arrival of Columbus.

### Key Vocabulary:

Tribute System  
Olmec

Chinampas  
Mayan

Mita System  
Moche

Quipu  
Ayllus

Pochteca  
Teotihuacan

	Origins	Politics	Economy/Technology	Social	Religion
Mayan					

Aztec					
Inca					

**Maya Decline:**

**Aztec Decline:**

**Inca Decline:**

