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Unit Six: Early Americas Notes Outlines

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Our study of the early Americas will take us from the first people to cross into North America, to the civilizations of the Yucatan Peninsula and Andes Mountains, as we work to study how those empires rose and fell, and the impact that they had on American history. We will study these in the following sections:

1. Olmec and Mayan Empires
2. Aztec Empire
3. Inca Empire

Section One: Olmec and Mayan Empires

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**The Olmec Civilization**

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**The Mayan Empire**

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**Mayan Cities**

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**Mayan Society**

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**Mayan Religion**

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**Mayan Achievements**

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**End of the Mayan Empire**

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The three main theories of why the Mayan Empire declined are:

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Section Two: Aztec Empire

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**The Aztec Empire**

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**Aztec Society**

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**Aztec Achievements**

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**End of the Aztec Empire**

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Section Three: Inca Empire

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**The Inca Empire**

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**The Inca – “People of the Sun”**

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**Cuzco – “The Bellybutton of the Empire”**

Central Cuzco was given the shape of a crouching puma, a symbol of strength and power. Only royalty or the highest nobility were allowed to live in this area. At the puma’s head, the immense fortress of Sacsahuaman was built into the steep-sided hill that overlooked Cuzco.

**Inca Society**

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**Macchu Picchu**

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**End of the Incan Empire**

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**Similarities in Falls of Inca and Aztec Empires**

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