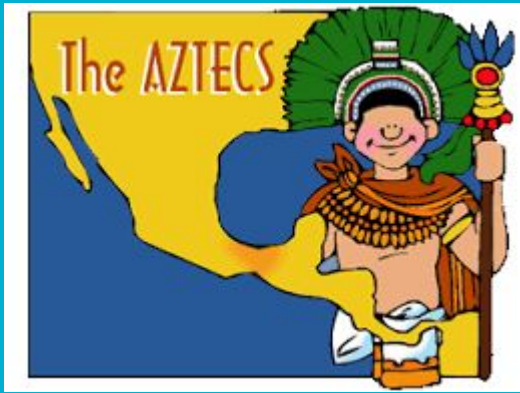


# Aztec & Inca



# Aztec

- Where: Valley of Mexico
- When: A.D. 1110



# Tenochtitlan

- Tenochtitlan is the capital of the Aztec Empire
- They built their city on a swampy island in the middle of a lake.
- To raise food they built "floating gardens" or "chinampas" in the marshes near the lake.



# War

- War was an important part of Aztec life.
- Boys trained to become soldiers from an early age.
- Soldiers captured their enemies and forced them into slavery.



# Inca

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- Where: South America
  - The Inca lived in a rich mountain valley



# Strong Leaders

- The Inca built an empire by conquering neighboring peoples.
- Pachakuti was the Incan ruler.
  - Cleared the land for settlement
  - Appointed governors for each region
  - Required every citizen to work toward enlarging the empire and spreading their religion.



# Skilled Builders

- The Inca built roads and straw bridges between high mountain peaks.
- They built terraces up the steep mountain sides for farming.
  - They made canals to irrigate crops.
- They recorded information using colored and knotted strings called quipu.



# Comprehension Questions

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1. Where did the Aztec make their home?
2. What skills helped the Inca build their empire?
3. How did Pachakuti expand the Inca Empire?

