**Chapter 7. 2 & 3**

**Aztecs & Incas**

1. **Aztecs** (1200-1500)
   1. Located: Central Middle America (Mexico)
   2. Important City: **Tenochtitlan**
   3. Empire central capitol was Tenochtitlan
      1. Located on an island in Lake Texcoco (now Mexico City)
      2. One of the great cities of the ancient world
      3. Had great pyramids and ball-courts
      4. **Chinampas-** floating farms
   4. Resembled Mayan civilization
   5. Warrior society but also had education
   6. Practiced human sacrifices to stop gods from destroying the world
2. **Incas** (1400-1550)
   1. Located: west coast of South America, Andes Mnts. (covers 7 modern day countries)
   2. Important city: **Cuzco** (capital)
   3. Centrally governed empire- controlled economy, religion, and class system
   4. **Machu Picchu**- near Cuzco, ruins survive today
   5. Great architecture in capitol and a system of roads
   6. No writing but had a system of messengers and known recording system called **quipu**