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### **Content Information**

This pathfinder will provide resources for students to describe the characteristics of Maya, Inca, Aztec and Mississippian civilizations including location, government, religion, agriculture, cultural, scientific contributions, and art. Students will also make a virtual museum of the art found in Maya, Inca, or Aztec cultural in Keynote or PowerPoint using the template found in *Teacher Resources: How to make a virtual museum*. A post and pre-test in TRAILS will be administered to identify students strengths and weaknesses in information-seeking skills.

### **Standards**

1. Describe ways human settlements and activities are influenced by environmental factors and processes in different places and regions including bodies of water, landforms, climates, vegetation, weathering, and seismic activity.
2. Explain push and pull factors that cause people to migrate from place to place including: oppression/freedom, poverty/Economic opportunity, cultural ties, political conflicts and environmental factors.

### **INFOhio Resources**

TRAILS - <http://sites.google.com/site/trailslessonplans/>

I have taken the resources found on ILILE and combined them to make finding needed resources easier.

EbscoHost - <http://www.infohio.org/>

### **Museum Websites**

Archaeological Museum of Cusco <http://www.sacred-destinations.com/peru/cusco-museo-inka.htm>

Aztec Museum <http://www.aztecmuseum.org/>

Aztec World <http://www.fieldmuseum.org/aztecs/>

British Museum [http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/world\\_cultures/the\\_americas/maya.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/world_cultures/the_americas/maya.aspx)

Brooklyn Museum [http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/arts\\_of\\_the\\_americas](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/arts_of_the_americas)

Copan Museum - Honduras <http://www.maya-archaeology.org/museums/copan/copan.php>

J. Paul Getty Museum <http://www.getty.edu/>

Museums Around the World <http://icom.museum/vlmp/world.html>

Science Museum of Minnesota : Mayan Adventure <http://www.smm.org/sln/ma/>

### **Virtual Museum Tours/Field Trips**

Virtual Museums, Tours, Exhibits, Special Interest, Reality Tours, Real Time Tours  
<http://www.virtualfreesites.com/museums.museums.html>

Teacher's Guide Virtual Field trips <http://www.theteachersguide.com/virtualtours.html>

### **Websites**

Kidipede <http://www.historyforkids.org/>

Kidskonnnect <http://www.kidskonnnect.com/alphabetized-index.html>

Mr. Donn's Ancient History Page <http://ancienthistory.mrdonn.org/index.html> Great site!

National Geographic

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/inca/> : Inca

<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/series/explorer/2224/Overview> : Maya

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/01/080104-aztec-pyramid.html> : Aztec

### **Teacher Resources**

How to make a virtual museum <http://christykeeler.com/EducationalVirtualMuseums.html>

Online Library Learning Center :

Boolean Search [http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit04/primer04\\_08.phtml](http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit04/primer04_08.phtml)

Digital Babytalk - Telling computers what you want [http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit04/primer04\\_06.phtml](http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit04/primer04_06.phtml)

Keyword Search - Controlling how the computer interprets your search [http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit04/primer04\\_07.phtml](http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit04/primer04_07.phtml)

**Videos** - In our school district libraries. Go to our Online Catalog on the library links page for more.  
<http://springfieldspartans.org/librarylinks.html#librarylinks>

DVD 307 COM - *Young Elementary School*

*Communities around the world* [DVD] Travels the world to compare and contrast the buildings, clothing, art, transportation, school and sports.

VTR 305.8 NAT - *Schrop Elementary School*

*The Native Americans* [VHS] Discusses the early civilization of the Inuits, Aztecs, Incas, and Mayas,

**Books** - In our school district libraries. Go to our Online Catalog on the library links page for more.

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*Schrop Elementary School*

NON 930 FER

*Everyday life in the ancient world* / Julie Ferris, Sue Nicholson, Jonathan Stroud, and Sally Tagholm.

NON 972 MAC

*You wouldn't want to be an Aztec sacrifice! : gruesome things you'd rather not know* / Fiona Macdonald

NON 745.44 CHA

*The Aztecs* / Gillian Chapman.

Projects based on various features of Aztec culture recreate some of their arts and crafts, including woven textiles, mosaic masks, jewelry, feather-work, and wheeled toys.

NON 972 FIS

*Pyramid of the sun, pyramid of the moon* / Leonard Everett Fisher.

Discusses the history of the pyramids of Teotihuacan and of the Aztecs, how they evolved from the Toltecs, how they lived and worshipped, and how they were overcome by the Spaniards.

NON 970.004 BAT

*Aztecs and Incas : AD 1300-1532* / Penny Bateman.

A brief overview of the development and eventual demise of the Aztec and Inca empires

NON 972.01 MCK

*Aztec Indians* / Patricia McKissack.

Discusses the Aztec Indians, their history, religion, language, customs, and final days.

NON 970.3 CHA

*Aztecs of Mexico, the lost civilization* / Chambers, Bradford.

*Young Elementary School*

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*Hernando Cortés and the conquest of Mexico* / Gina DeAngelis.

A biography of the explorer whose brutal conquest of the Aztecs in Mexico was responsible for the first Spanish settlements in the New World.

NON 972 DEF

*What do we know about the Aztecs?* / Joanna Defrates.

An illustrated introduction to the history, religion, customs, and eventual fate of the Aztecs.

NON 972 BAQ

*Aztec, Inca & Maya* / Elizabeth Baquedano

Chronicles the history, beliefs, and everyday lives of the ancient Aztec, Inca, and Maya peoples.

*Springfield High School*

NON 970.1 NOU

*The days of the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas* / Louis-Ren Nougier

Discusses the work, homes, crafts, customs, religions, and architecture of the early Indians of North, Central, and South America, from the cold northern regions to the tropical forests.

NON 972 STU

*The mighty Aztecs* / Gene S. Stuart

An account of the Aztecs: how their empire was destroyed by the Spanish conqueror, Cortes; how treasures of their art and elements of their culture survive today.