

Civilizations in the Americas

(500 B.C. – c. A.D. 1532)

Chapter 8

The civilizations of the Americas developed in near _____ from Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Around 500 B.C., as _____ improvements dramatically increased harvests,

_____ began to appear in Mesoamerica and the Andes, the _____ of

American civilization. Some civilizations vast and powerful empires, conquering their weaker neighbors.

For this chapter you may work with a partner—and by partner, I mean one other person—to answer the Focus Questions at the beginning of each section. You each need answers, so you each need to turn in the completed worksheet. Be sure to answer specifically, not generally.

Section 1: Mesoamerica.

☞ Where did the peoples of central Mexico build the first American cities?

☞ What were some of the accomplishments of the Classical Maya?

☞ Why do archaeologists believe that the Toltec were at the center of a great trading network?

☞ How were the Aztec able to build such a powerful empire?

Answer the “History through the Arts” questions on page 200.

1. _____

2a. _____

2b.

Turn in page 1, pick up page 2.