

Ch. 6B Recap: Early American Civilizations

- What similarities and differences are noticeable among the three major continents of the world?
 - Similarities
 - All initially hunter-gatherer
 - All independent Agricultural Revolutions
 - All developed civilizations
 - Differences
 - Populations smaller in Africa and America
 - Americas isolated; Africa limited contact with Eurasia
 - Metallurgy less advanced in Americas



MESOAMERICA

- Olmec (1200 BCE - 400 BCE)
 - Ritual ball game
 - Religious and political elites organized labor for infrastructure
 - Colossal stone heads
- Teotihuacan (150 BCE - 500 CE)
 - Center of large trade network
- Mayans (250 CE - 900 CE)
 - Ball game
 - Calendar
- Toltec (900 CE - 1200 CE)
- Aztec (1300 CE - 1521 CE)
 - Chinampa agriculture
 - Religious sculpture

ANDES

- Chavin (1000 BCE - 200 BCE)
 - Multi-level architecture for elite residence and religious rituals
 - Pilgrimage site
- Moche (200 BCE - 700 CE)
 - Complex irrigation
 - Led by warrior-priest elite
 - Wealth, artistic skill, and metalworking
- Tiwanaku (300 BCE - 1100 CE)
 - Political integration and cultural commonality
- Wari (600 CE - 1100 CE)
 - Imperial model influenced Inca
- Inca (1438 CE - 1533 CE)
 - Road system

