

# Mesoamerica

## Location

- Meso means middle (greek)
- between North America and South America
- today, land is Mexico and Central America

## Maya

- 250 CE to 900 CE
- picture-based writing system
- huge cities

## Aztec

- ferocious warriors
- huge cities
- Tenochtitlan: one of world's largest cities
- Pyramid temples still exist today

## All Mesoamerican cultures:

- grew maize (corn)
- astronomy (space)
- math
- used 365-day calendar
- number system
- polytheistic: believed in more than one god
- human sacrifice