

The Americas and Oceania - Chapter 6 Review Questions

We will briefly review Mayan civilization tomorrow but due to the super-late start schedule, you will need to review some of the content of these early civilizations on your own. Please come in to class tomorrow with these questions answered so you are prepared for the lecture. Some of the questions on the back only require a one-word answer.

1. Relate the geography and climate of the Americas and Oceania with the development of human society in each area.
2. Explain the relationship between agriculture and the environment in America and Oceania.
3. Compare and contrast the social structure, state, and cultures of Mesoamerican and Andean American civilizations with at least one other you've already studied in Chapters 2 through 5.
4. Discuss the major trading patterns within and among peoples of the Americas and Oceania.
5. Explain the migrations of people into the Americas and throughout Oceania.

Why was the shedding of blood critical to Mayan culture?	
Why did Mesoamericans have no need for wheeled vehicles?	
What are the distinctive artistic creations of Olmec culture?	
Which American peoples established the most flexible and sophisticated systems of writing?	
What product did the Maya produce that could be both consumed as a stimulant, traded, and used as currency?	
A king named Great Jaguar Paw or Shield Jaguar or Bird Jaguar was most likely a king of what Mesoamerican civilization?	
Why did agriculture take root after 3000 BCE in New Guinea but not in Australia?	
What were the primary reasons for the spread of Austronesian peoples throughout the Pacific?	
What seafaring technology made it possible for Austronesian-speaking peoples to travel throughout the Pacific?	
Why did Andean society show greater cultural, political, and economic regional diversity than Mesoamerican society?	
Which of the societies in this chapter developed a writing system which is still undeciphered?	

