Meso-America

No Domesticated Animals

= small land plots = peasant poverty

Cities = Controlled trade routes = Religious sites (center)
= social unity and festivals
but not
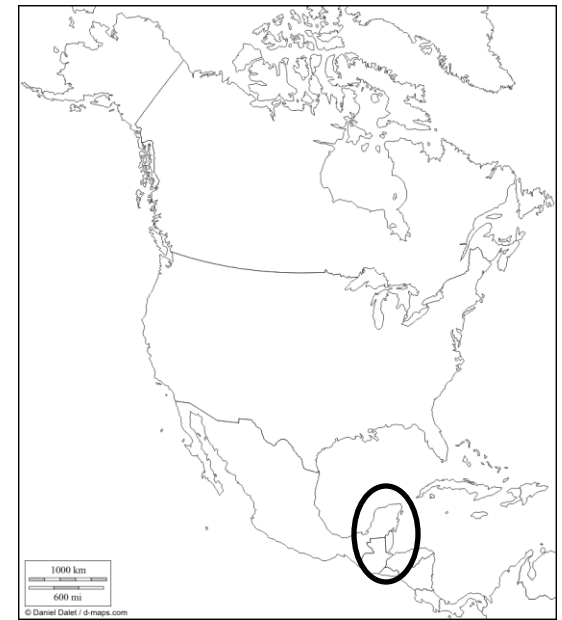urban living environs of production

Mayans 300-900 AD

lived edges of Yucatan Jungle = divided

cities = no walls

mathematically advanced = zero (place holders)
(religious purpose = astronomy)

pyramids = platforms = religion

sacbeob roads
= straight connections through jungle

Collapse 900-1000AD

large cities = outstripped resources

climate change (man made?) =
        food collapse

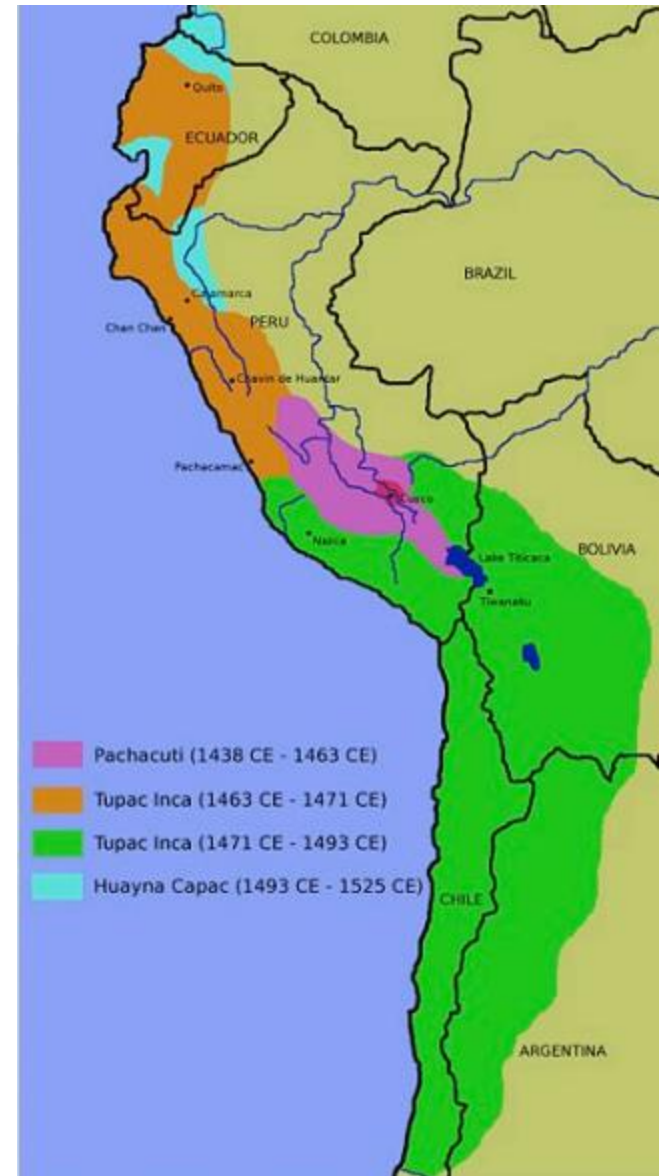inter-mayan war + external invasion
        = urban collapse

dispersed population = dark age
        = jungle reclaimed area
   = lost cities / 7 cities of gold

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Tupac Inca (1463 CE - 1471 CE)
Tupac Inca (1471 CE - 1493 CE)
Huayna Capac (1493 CE - 1525 CE)

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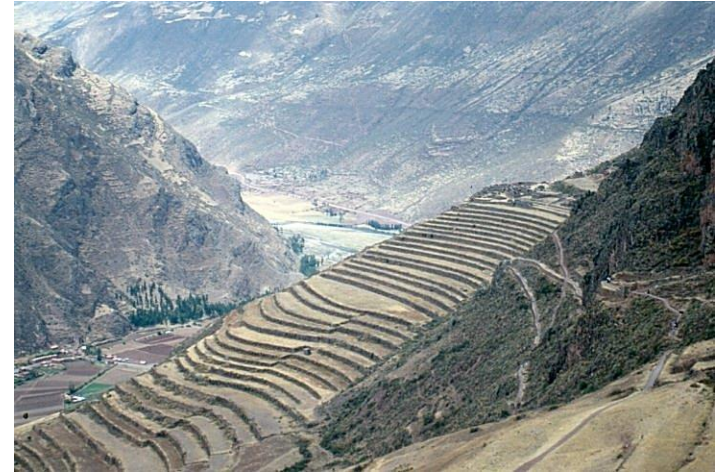
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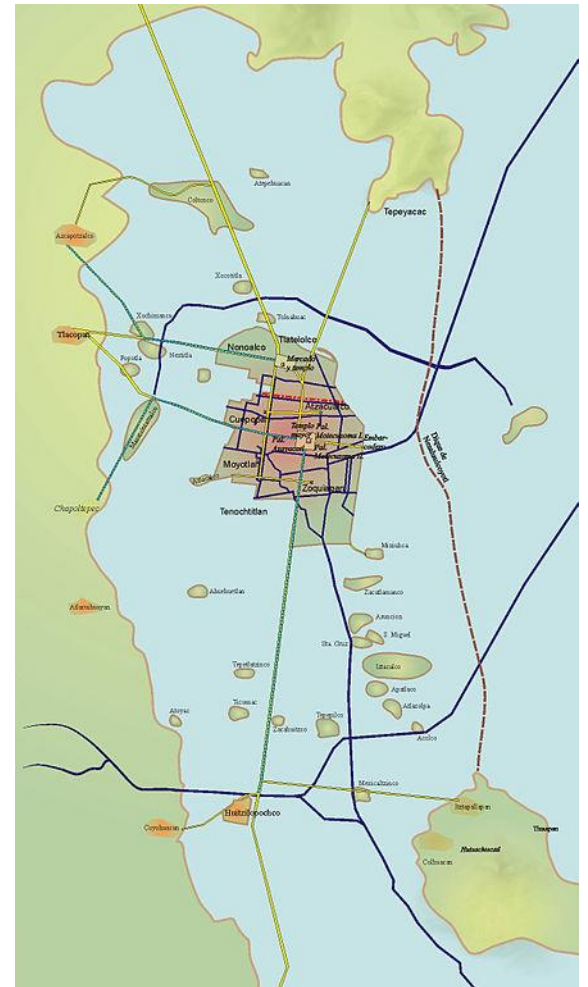   (roads, bridges, tunnels)

4. writing = quipu (knots)
                        = adv, = disadv

5. conquered by the Pizarro and disease in 1530s
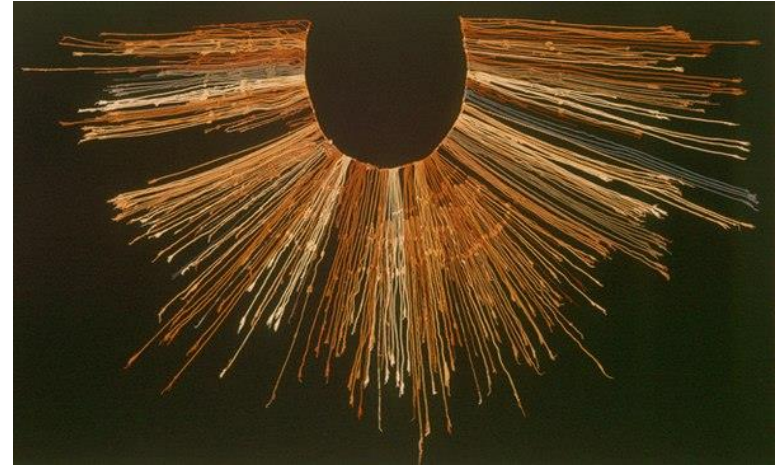
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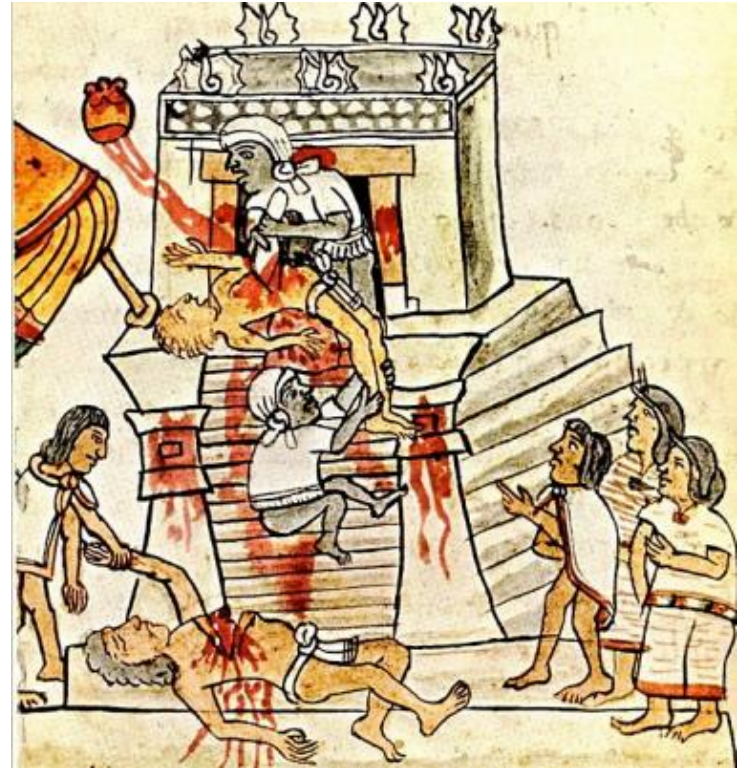   conquest of others not for $ but ppl

Aztec Empire
c. 1519

TARASCANS

Tenochtitlan

TLAXCALA

Gulf of Mexico

TEOTITLAN

MIXTEC

the Road to Xoconochco

ZAPOTEC

PACIFIC OCEAN

Core States

Tributary States

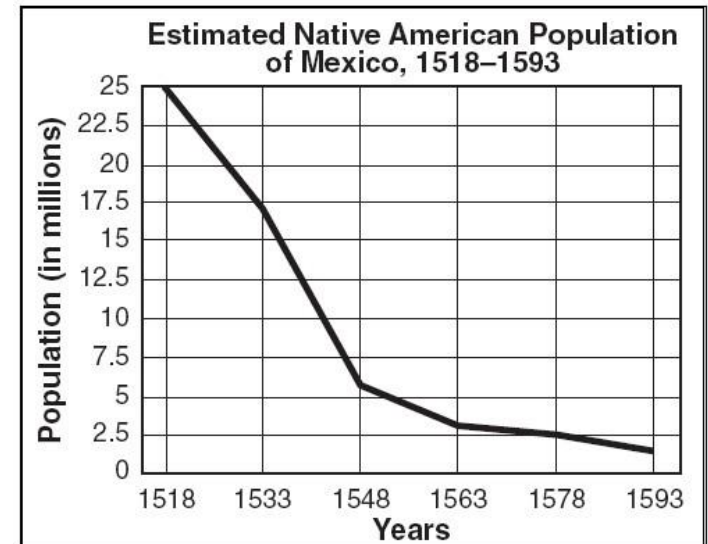Allied States

4. Human Sacrifice to Gods

adv = shows superiority (gods/men)
        = justification for empire

Disadv =

Cortez (1520s)
+
Native Mexicans
+
massive Disease
(95% deathrate)
=
collapse

Estimated Native American Population of Mexico, 1518–1593

Source: James Killoran et al., *The Key to Understanding Global History*, Jarrett Publishing (adapted)
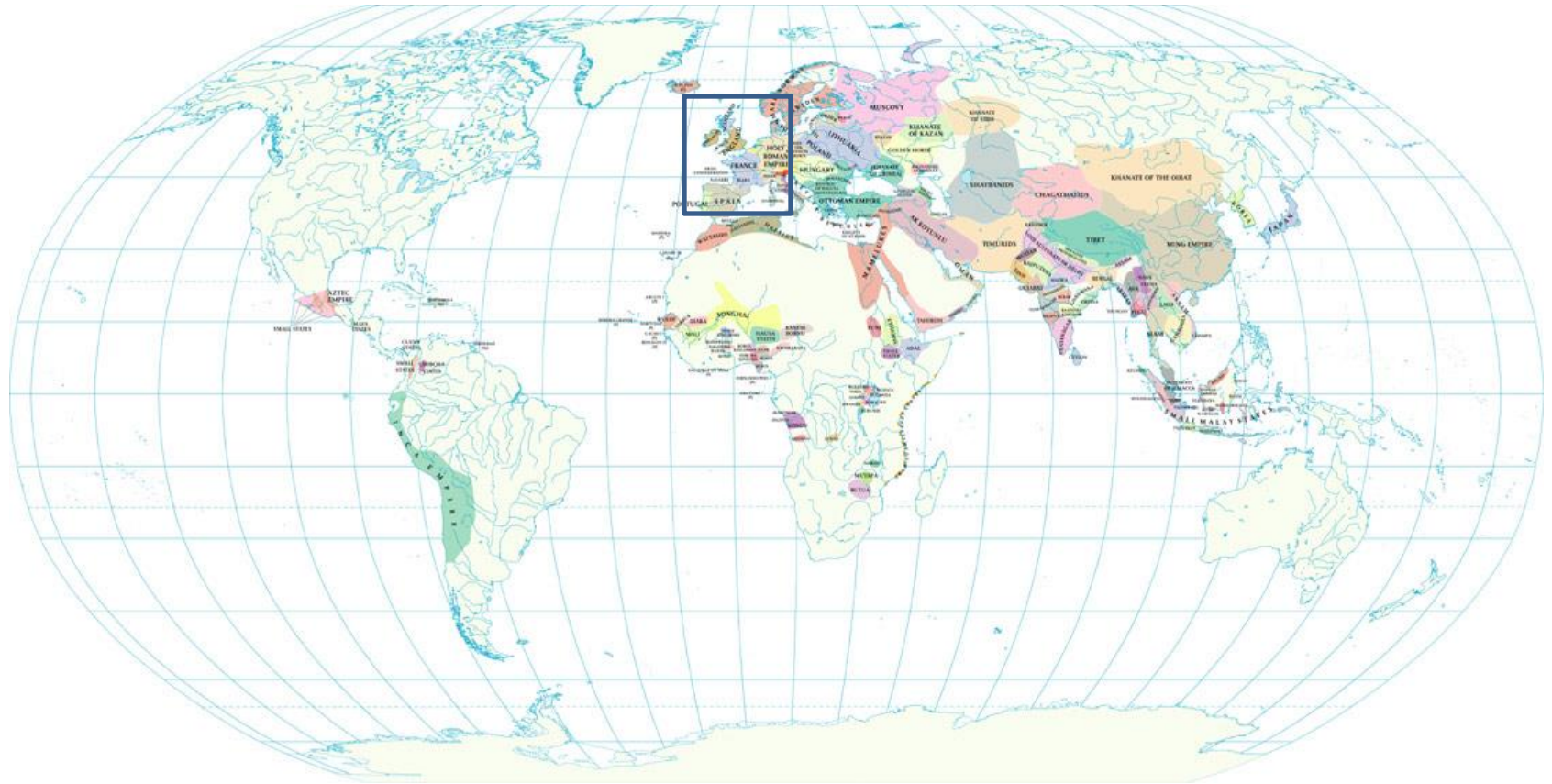
Western Europe

poor, divided, at war constantly, illiterate, uneducated, rural
superstitious, diseased, dirty, corrupt, violent