

Chapter 20: The Americas and Oceania

Student Notes

Mexica (Aztec Empire)

1. Once the Mexica began to spread out from their capital city, what do they name their empire? Why?
2. Describe Tenochtitlan.
3. Why did the Mexica believe they should sacrifice people?
4. Describe Mexican rule of the Aztec empire.
5. Describe chinampa agriculture.

North American Societies

6. What lifestyle did most North American societies practice?
7. There were some agriculturalists in North America. Describe at least one of them.

Polynesians

8. Why did Polynesians spread from island to island?
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10. Describe government on and trade between the islands.
11. Why did Easter Island have problems? What problems did they have?