The Americas

I can list the eras considered classical and post-classical in Mesoamerica and why these dates vary from classical and post-classical eras of the eastern hemisphere.

I can locate the area in Mesoamerica that saw the heirs of Olmec civilization, the Maya.

I can explain the geographical disadvantages the Maya encountered and the ways they overcame these shortcomings in terms of agricultural production.

I can explain the social classes of the Maya and the roles played by each class.

I can explain the changes that took place in Mesoamerica between the classical and post-classical periods. (180)

I can explain Maya religious practices and the concept of bloodletting. (180-181)

I can explain possible theories for the demise of the Maya by circa 800C.E. (181)

I can explain the importance and characteristics of the city Teotihuacan. (181)

I can explain traits and characteristics of the Toltecs. (182-183)

I can describe Aztec (184-185)

\*geography-

\*agricultural techniques-

\*treatment of conquered peoples-

\* social hierarchy and role of each class-

**Andean civilizations (mountains of South America)**

I can explain characteristics that were unique to the Andean civilizations because of their isolation (186)

I can describe the agricultural advancements that led to Inca expansion of their empire (187)

\*mi’ta system-

\*khipu-

\*ayllus-

I can describe the Incan (187)

Theocracy and religious practices-

I can explain the way information was passed from one end of the empire to the other (188)

I can compare the political, economic, cultural and social structures of the Aztec and Inca (190)