

## **Chapter 21: Worlds Apart – The Americas and Oceania**

### **States and Empires in MesoAmerica and North America**

#### **A. The Toltecs and the Mexica (540-543)**

1. Who were the Mexica (Aztecs) and where did they come from? What will become their capital?
2. Explain what the "chinampa" system of agriculture was? (It's a great example of humans and interaction with the environment!)

### **States and Empires in South America**

#### **The Coming of the Incas (551-552)**

1. The early states of the Andes (before the Inca), the Chucuito and Chimo, developed thriving societies without the benefit of river valley systems. How did each society relate to, use, and adapt to the environment? What were some features of their existence?
2. Where did the Inca come from? And, how did they gain control over an area that extended for approximately 2500 miles along the west coast of South America?