**Benchmarks - Mesoamerica**

***The Rise of Mesoamerican empires: Aztec and Incan Empires before 1500***

SS9.4.1 Understands human and physical geography of Mesoamerica

SS9.4.2 Understands the organizational structure of Mesoamerican civilization on government, religion and social hierarchy.

* Maya
* Inca
* Aztec

SS9.4.3 Understands achievements of Mesoamerican civilization.

SS9.4.4 Understands the widespread trade of the Aztec and the Inca civilizations

**Terms and Names**

Mesoamerica

Mayans

Aztec

Incas

Slash and burn agriculture

Ideographs

Macchu Picchu

Montezuma

Olmec

Tenochtitlan