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### Aztec, Inca, Maya: Quick Research Write

**Goal:** You will choose a topic that relates to the Aztec, Inca, or Maya. You will research to learn about your topic. You should read and watch videos that help you understand your focus. As you read and listen, record notes about what you learn. After researching, you will write a five-paragraph essay sharing your research. This should be your best piece of writing for the year. Show all you have learned and how you have grown as a writer!

**As you look at topic ideas, you want to make sure:**

- ☼ You are interested in the topic you choose!
- ☼ You can find information about the topic you choose. If you are only able to find one source, you might need to choose a new idea.
- ☼ Your topic should not be too broad. This is a quick research and writing project. You want to be able to complete the research and writing in class.

**Topic Brainstorming**

What topics are you considering for your focus?  
Make a list of four ideas. After talking with your teacher, highlight the topic you will research. Have your sources ready to share!


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- ☼ the ball game
- ☼ popcorn
- ☼ Sapa Inca
- ☼ Incan mummies
- ☼ chocolate
- ☼ Moctezuma
- ☼ Moctezuma II
- ☼ Templo Mayor in Tenochtitlan
- ☼ Quipu
- ☼ feathered serpent god
- ☼ Machu Pichu
- ☼ llamas
- ☼ Hernando Cortes
- ☼ daily activities
- ☼ art
- ☼ women in Maya civilization
- ☼ beasts of burden
- ☼ architecture
- ☼ medical treatments
- ☼ clothing and accessories
- ☼ featherwork
- ☼ precious metals
- ☼ animals
- ☼ foods
- ☼ masks
- ☼ precious stones
- ☼ homes
- ☼ Maya Calendar
- ☼ music and dancing
- ☼ the Maya and rubber
- ☼ entertainment (choose one culture)
- ☼ choose another civilization from the region: the Olmecs, the Mixtecs, the Zapotecs, the Toltecs
- ☼ social structures
- ☼ notable leaders
- ☼ agriculture

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**Directions:** Research your topic. Record your notes below. Remember, you are taking notes, not copying what another author wrote. Your notes should not be written in complete sentences.

**Tips:**

- Organize your research.
- Put a heading at the top of each box.
  - Use bullet points!

A large graphic template for taking notes, designed to look like a collection of papers and folders. It features six rectangular boxes for notes: one on the left, one in the top middle, one in the top right, one in the middle, one in the bottom middle, and a wide one at the bottom. The boxes are arranged in a staggered, overlapping fashion. A vertical label on the right side is labeled 'TOPIC' and is attached to the top-right box. A decorative fan-like graphic is located at the bottom right of the template.

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**Directions:** Plan your writing below. This is your planning. You will NOT be writing in complete sentences!

WORDS I WILL USE

Introduction:
Body Paragraph 1:
Body Paragraph 2:
Body Paragraph 3:
Conclusion:

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TOPIC

