QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER TWELVE

1. Fill out the Summary sheets for the Americas: (Maya, Toltec, and Aztec on one sheet for Mesoamerica; Anasazi, Mound Builders, Hopewell, and Mississippian Cultures on one sheet for North America; and Moche, and Chavin, Tiwanaku, Wari, and Inca, on one sheet for South America.) Three sheets in all.

2. In Mesoamerica describe how the ecological conditions may have helped shaped the Maya, Toltec, and Aztec civilizations that developed. What were some of their distinctive economic, social, political, and cultural features? Were they all similar, or were there variations between these three civilizations, or cultures? Explain.

3. In North America, how did the Anasazi adapt to their environment? What indications of their life styles can we gather from Chaco Canyon? Compare the archeological sites at Hopewell and Cahokia with those of Chaco Canyon. What factors might have accounted for the differences between them? What indications do they give about the lifestyles and cultures of the mound builders (and Mississippian culture in general) compared to the culture of the Indians of the Southwest? Explain.
4. In the Andes, what role did ecological features play in shaping the general structures of the cultures and/or civilizations situated there? What general characteristics did the Moche, Chavin, Twanaku, and Wari cultures have in common. Were there any differences? What factors accounted for their respective decline and disappearance?

5. Compare the economic, social, political, and cultural features of the Inca Empire with those of the Aztecs. What might have accounted for any differences, if any? Explain.

TERMS TO KNOW

Tikal | Aztecs | Khipu (Quipu)
Caracal | Tenochtitlan | Ayllu
Palenque | Tribute system | Mi' ta
Obsidian | Anasazi | Vertical integration
Maize, | Chaco Canyon | Moche
Chert | Mound builders | Chavin
City-State | Hopewell | Inca
Jaguar god | Cahokia | Cuzco
Maya | Mississippian culture | Acllas
Toltecs | Cahokia | Portrait vases