World Civilization

Chapters 12 & 17 Latin America

Name _____ Class Period Assignment #

Directions: As you read selections from Chapters 12 and 17 in History of Our World, answer the following.

Chapter 12 Section 1 (pp. 334-341)

- 1. Describe the physical setting (geography) of the Inca Civilization.
- 2. How did the Inca come to control such a large territory?
- 3. What were the main purposes of the Inca census?
- 4. How did the Inca keep numerical records without a written language?
- 5. Describe (not just list) an achievement of the Inca Civilization.
- 6. How did the Incas increase agricultural production in the Andes?
- 7. List at least 3 things that led to the collapse of the Inca Civilization.

Chapter 12 Section 2 (pp. 334-351)

- 8. How were the Mayas able to grow enough food in the rainforest?
- 9. Describe (not just list) an achievement of the Maya Civilization.

10. List at least 3 hypotheses that explain why most Mayan cities were abandoned after 900 A.D.

11. According to legend, how did the Aztecs decided where to build their capital city?

12. How did Aztec political organization differ from Mayan government?

13. How did the Aztecs increase the amount of farmland around Tenochtitlan?

14. Describe (not just list) an achievement of the Aztec Civilization.

15. What evidence supports the claim that the Aztec Civilization was "war-like?"

16. How did the Aztec civilization come to an end?

Chapter 17 Section 1 (pp. 478-483)

17. Why did Christopher Columbus call the native Americans "Indians."

18. Why did Moctezuma (Montezuma), welcome Cortes and his army into Tenochtitlan?

19. How was Cortes able to conquer the Aztecs with the Spanish were so outnumbered?

20. Who conquered the Inca civilization?

21. Why weren't the Inca able to mount an effective resistance to the Spanish?

Chapter 17 Section 2 (pp. 484-487)

22. How did the Spanish rule their colonies in the New World?

23. What role did the Catholic Church play in governing Spanish Colonies?

24. How was the encomienda system similar to slavery?

Chapter 17 Section 4 (pp. 496-498)

25. Why did the Spanish and Portuguese turn to Africa for slaves to import to their colonies in the New World?

26. Describe what was traded in each "side" of the Triangular Trade route:

- a. Europe to Africa
- b. Africa to the Americas
- c. Americas to Europe

