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## The Olmecs

- One of the earliest Mesoamerican civilizations
  - Mesoamerican = \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ America
- Lived in Southern Mexico from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Known for giant \_\_\_\_\_, which may represent rulers or \_\_\_\_\_
- First Mesoamericans to build \_\_\_\_\_ and create \_\_\_\_\_
- May have been the first to develop a \_\_\_\_\_ system
  - Writing has only been invented \_\_\_\_\_ times in history, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and Mesoamerica

## The Maya

- Lived between Southern Mexico and Northern Central America
- Reached height from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, building great cities
- The Maya were not an \_\_\_\_\_, but a group of culturally similar \_\_\_\_\_, connected by \_\_\_\_\_ and warfare
- Kings and priests were at the \_\_\_\_\_ of society, merchants and artisans in the \_\_\_\_\_, farmers and slaves at the \_\_\_\_\_
- The Maya made advances
  - Math- Developed the concept of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Architecture- Built great \_\_\_\_\_ topped with temples to the gods
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - Charted the movement of the sun, moon, planets, and stars, and used what they learned to create an accurate \_\_\_\_\_
  - Writing- Developed a \_\_\_\_\_ writing system and kept \_\_\_\_\_
- The reason for Maya declined is \_\_\_\_\_ but scholars have theories
  - \_\_\_\_\_ damage due to overuse of natural \_\_\_\_\_
  - Warfare over competition for \_\_\_\_\_ that destroyed \_\_\_\_\_
  - Abuse of power by \_\_\_\_\_ causing \_\_\_\_\_