

INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

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This poster will explore the Inca, Aztec, and Mayan civilizations and the use of technology and agricultural advancements. Historically, these empires have been studied based on colonial and post-colonial models, which have labeled them as “primitive”. While designating these empires as “primitive”, Western cultures adopted their advanced technologies including irrigation, seed cross-pollination and mathematical concepts. Western usage involving food and medicine can also be directly traced to these empires. This paper explores the significance of some of the remarkable technology and agricultural advancements developed in Central and South American civilizations.