Ch. 20 Reading Questions

1. How did the Mexica people establish their authority over the peoples of central Mexico? How did the Mexica treat conquered peoples?
2. What are some of the distinctive features of Mexica agriculture? Why was it so productive?
3. What are some of the typical trade goods within the Aztec empire? Which items particularly impressed the Spanish?
4. What are the distinctive features of the Mexica social structure?
5. What are the expectations for men and women in Mexica society? What does the midwife's speech on page 535 indicate about gender roles?

1. What are the distinctive aspects of Mexica religion? What is the purpose of human sacrifice?

1. Which of the societies of North America had developed settled agriculture by the fifteenth century? What kind of agriculture was typical?

1. What are some of the distinctive features of the agriculture and animal husbandry to emerge in the Andes Mountains?

1. What are some of the distinctive features of Inca society and religion?
2. What are some of the notable achievements of Inca society?

1. What are the distinctive features of the agricultural societies to emerge in the Pacific Islands before western contact?

1. Read “Sources From the Past” on p.420 and answer the “For Further Reflection” question.
2. Read “Sources From the Past” on p.431 and answer the “For Further Reflection” question.