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## MESOAMERICA REVIEW QUESTIONS

Use The History of Mesoamerica website

(<http://www.elbalero.gob.mx/kids/history/html/conquista/home.html>) to answer the following questions.

1. Shade in Mesoamerica on the map of North America below.



For more maps of the world, continents, countries, and states, visit [nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions](http://nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions).

2. Why is the term *Discovery of America* a problem? What else could we call this period in history?

3. Use information from the *Preclassic Period* and *Classic Period* sections of the timeline from the website shown above to put the following events in order. Be sure to also click on any links you see in these sections to gather more information.

### **Preclassic Period**

Write a number on each line, from 1-5, to show the correct order of events during the *Preclassic Period*. Write the approximate year where asked.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The population of Mesoamerica grew quickly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agrarian villages gradually evolved to the first great civilization of Mesoamerica, the Olmec culture. Approximate year: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ The people believed in an afterlife.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Society was divided into various groups: governors, artisans, and peasants.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Techniques to make clothes, ropes, nets, and baskets advanced quickly.

### **Classic Period**

Write a number on each line, from 1-5, to show the correct order of events during the *Classic Period*. Write the approximate year where asked.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Temples, pyramids, tombs, and palaces showed the importance of religion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complicated writing systems were developed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Zapotecs abandoned Monte Alban, but they continued living in the valleys of Oaxaca. Approximate year: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maya, Zapotec, and Teotihuacan cultures flourished.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social organization became more complicated.

4. Now pick one of the periods above and make a timeline for it on the back of this page. Make a straight line in the middle of the page. Above the line, copy each event in order, with the year if available. Under the line, make a picture with a caption for each event, showing an interesting detail.