

SCOP Mesoamerican and South American Myth

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*For the purpose of these sheets, myth systems belief systems that are no longer widely practiced.
Important terms are marked in **bold**; a bolded term is worth researching online for more information.*

Mayan Myth

Mesoamerica, 2000s BCE-1700s CE

Name	Details
Popul Vuh	A religious-historical text recording the myths and history of the K'iche Mayan people, the source of modern understanding of Mayan religion.
Hero Twins	Hunahpu [hoo-nah-poo] and Xbalanque [sh'bah-lon-kay]. Played the Mesoamerican ball game in Xibalba . Defeated Seven Macaw.
Xibalba	Mayan underworld.
Mayan History	Long Count Calendar. Constructed Chichen Itza.

Aztec Myth

Mesoamerica, 1300s-1500s

Name	Details
Quetzalcoatl [ket-zal-koh-ah-tul]	The " Feathered Serpent ." Enemy of Tezcatlipoca . Traveled to Mictlan with his twin brother, Xolotl and mixed his own blood with the bones of a destroyed world to create a fifth world of humans.
Tezcatlipoca [tets-kot-lee-poh-kah]	Known as the "Smoking Mirror." Enemy of Quetzalcoatl who transformed into a jaguar to destroy the world. After sacrificing his foot, he replaced it with an obsidian mirror.
Xolotl [shoh-lah-tul]	The twin brother of Quetzalcoatl . A psychopomp who guided the dead to Mictlan . God of thunder.
Huitzilopochtli [hweet-zil-oh-pokt-lee]	The "Left-Handed Hummingbird." God of war.
Tlaloc	God of rain.
Mictlan	Aztec underworld.

Incan Myth

South America, 1400s-1500s

Name	Details
Viracocha	Creator god.
Manco Cápac	The legendary founder of the Incan Empire, a descendent of Viracocha .
Inti	Sun god.
Incan History	Capital at Cuzco.