Ch. 11 Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about this chapter? What questions do you have after reading?
2. In what ways did the Aztecs and Incas build upon previous societies in the Americas?
3. Were the Aztecs as technologically advanced as contemporary European/Asian/Islamic societies? Discuss ways in which they were or were not.
4. Describe the social issues faced by the Aztecs as they rose to power.
5. Compare/Contrast the Mesoamerican and Andean civilizations in the following ways:
   1. Expansion & conquest
   2. Bureaucratic system
   3. Development of social hierarchies
   4. Economic systems (including any technological innovations)
6. Do you believe the religious systems and beliefs of the Aztecs and Incas developed independently or must there have been contact for the systems to have been so similar?