

CHAPTER  
**16**

BUILDING VOCABULARY

*People and Empires  
in the Americas*

**A. Matching** Match the description in the second column with the term or name in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| ___ 1. Iroquois | a. Incan extended family group, which worked on tasks too big for a single family                        |
| ___ 2. potlatch | b. a green or black volcanic glass found in the Valley of Mexico and used to make weapons                |
| ___ 3. Anasazi  | c. village of large, apartment-style compounds made of stone or adobe                                    |
| ___ 4. pueblo   | d. natural object with which an individual, clan, or group identifies itself                             |
| ___ 5. totem    | e. a group of people who lived in the Four Corners region and built extensive cliff dwellings            |
| ___ 6. obsidian | f. Incan accounting device that consisted of a set of knotted strings that could be used for counting    |
| ___ 7. ayllu    | g. a group of tribes speaking related languages and living in the eastern Great Lakes region             |
| ___ 8. quipu    | h. an elaborate ceremony of the Pacific Northwest tribes, in which they gave away food, drink, and gifts |

**B. Evaluating** Write *T* in the blank if the statement is true. If the statement is false, write *F* in the blank and then write the corrected statement on the line below.

- \_\_\_ 1. Pachacuti was the Incan ruler who conquered all of Peru and established the Incan system of government.
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- \_\_\_ 2. According to legends, a Toltec god named Quetzalcoatl, or Feathered Serpent, would one day return to the Valley of Mexico and usher in a reign of peace and light.
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- \_\_\_ 3. The Incan state demanded that its subjects give a labor tribute, or quipu, by working for the state a certain number of days each year.
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- \_\_\_ 4. The Triple Alliance was a union of the Incas with two other city-states, Tikal and Tlacopan.
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**C. Writing** Write a description of the writing system of the Maya using the following terms.

glyph      codex      *Popol Vuh*