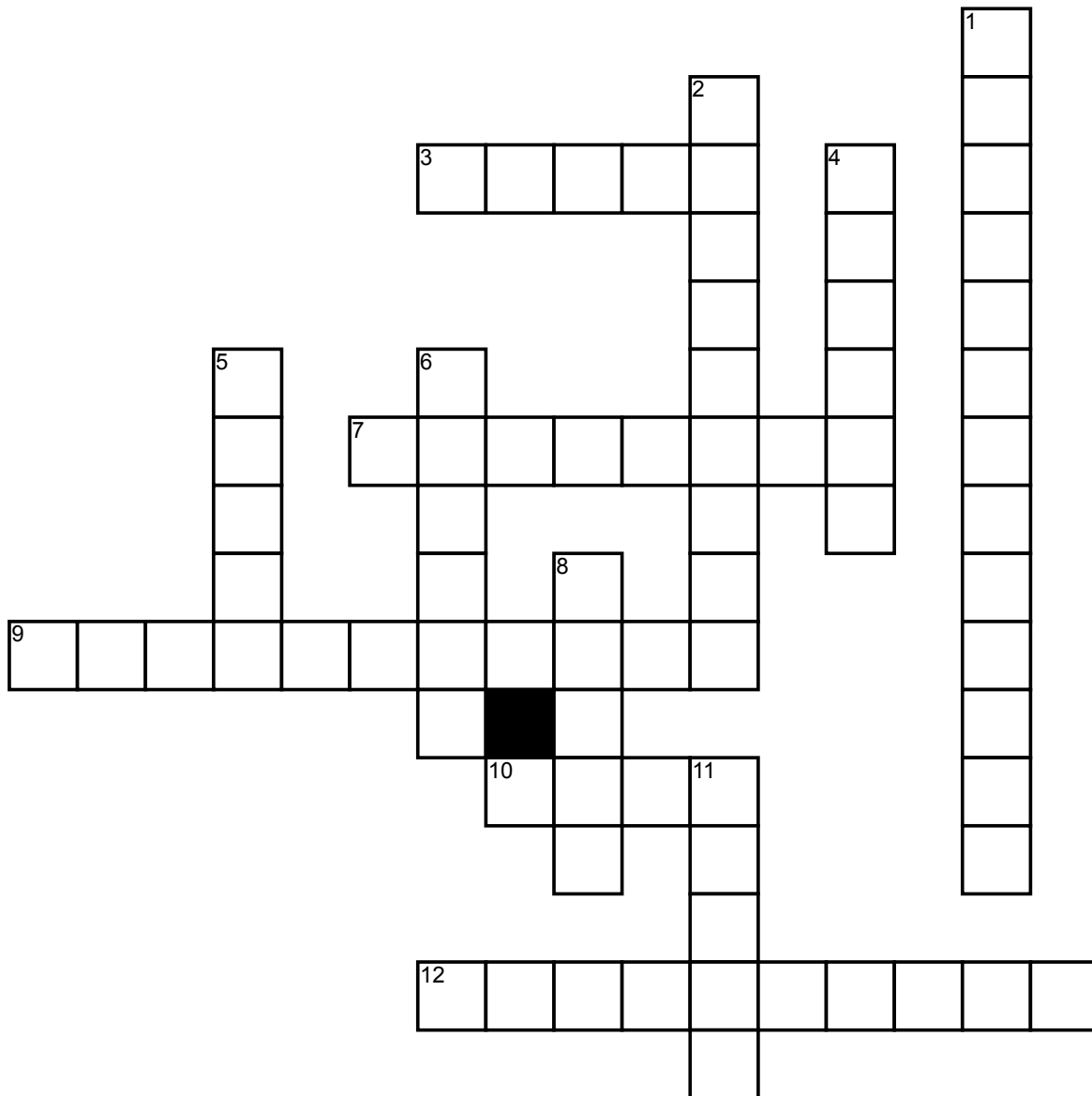


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# Aztec, Maya, and Inca Empires



## **Across**

**3.** a mountain range in South America running 5000 miles along the Pacific coast

**7.** an agreement establishing an association between groups

**9.** The government born into leadership

**10.** a member of an American Indian people of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala who had a culture (which reached its peak between AD 300 and 900) characterized by outstanding architecture and pottery and astronomy

**12.** Inca Emperor Pachacuti rises to power and transforms his kingdom into the largest empire in South America.

## **Down**

**1.** an anthropologist who studies prehistoric culture

**2.** the branch of physics that studies celestial bodies

**4.** exchange goods without involving money

**5.** clay from which bricks are made

**6.** domesticated llama with long silky fleece

**8.** tropical American tree producing cacao beans

**11.** a member of the Nahuatl people who established an empire in Mexico that was overthrown by Cortes in 1519