

ANT-202 Fact Sheet for Week of November 25, 2013**XII Civilization**

Years A.D./B.C.	Isthmus	Yucatan	Valley of Mexico
1600			
1500		+	+
1400		+	AZTEC
1300		+	+
1200		POSTCLASSIC MAYA	
1100		+	+
1000			TOLTEC
900			+
800		+	
700		+	
600		CLASSIC MAYA	+
500		+	+
400		+	+
300		+	+
200		+	TEOTIHUACAN
100 A.D.		+	+
0		+	+
100 B.C.		+	+
200		+	+
300		+	
400		PRE-CLASSIC MAYA	
500	+	+	
600	+	+	
700	+	+	
800	+	+	
900	+	+	
1000	OLMEC	+	
1100	+	+	
1200	+	+	
1300	+	+	
1400	+	+	
1500	+	+	
1600			

D. The New World

1. Mesoamerica I: Yucatan

a. Formative/Preclassic

i The Olmec (1500-500 B.C.)—

- a) Massive Stone Heads
- b) Earthen pyramids
- c) La Venta, San Lorenzo,
- d) Distinctive artistic styles
- e) Glyphs (writing?)
- f) What is Olmec? The Olmec
Horizon: A State created by
conquest or?
- g) Theories of Mayan origins:
 - (i) Derived from Olmecs (Kent Reilly)
 - (ii) Independent local origin (Matheny)
- h)

ii Preclassic Maya (1500 B.C. - A.D. 250).

- a) Site- El Mirador (300 B.C. – A.D.
250)—covers 6 square miles
- b) Major changes and beginning of
classic traits:
- c) Monumental structures (pyramids,
ball courts)

- d) Large residential compounds
 - e) Long distance trade
 - f) Writing established during this period
- b. Classic Maya: A.D. 250-850
 - i Sites (Four capitals)
 - a) Tikal
 - b) Copan
 - c) Palenque
 - d) Calakmul
 - ii Traits
 - a) multiple competing kingdoms
 - b) Written hieroglyphic script: The only true writing system in the New World—if writing is defined as human speech made visible. (less sophisticated writing systems were developed by the Zapotec and Aztec)
 - c) Stone pyramid temples, under which kings were buried
 - d) Distinctive architectural style
 - e) Divine kingship

- (i) organized warfare
- (ii) performed rituals
- f) Calendar begins at 3114 B.C.

- (i) sponsored feasts
- (ii) Ball game

1. Mesoamerica II: Highland Mexico

i Classic- Teotihuacan (200 B.C. –A.D. 750)

- a) *Obsidian*
- b) *More than 5000 structures*
- c) *Peak population of 125,000 – 200,000:*
- d) *The pyramid of the sun*
- e) *The Avenue of the Dead*
- f) *Pyramid of the Moon—located at the end of the*
- g) *Avenue of the Dead*

ii Post Classic

- a) *Toltecs (A.D. 750-1200)*
 - (i) feathered serpent god: Quetzalcoatl
 - (ii) Capital: Tula was much smaller than Teotihuacan . It may have had 40,000-60,000 people maximum. It has two

large ballcourts, but is best known for its sculpted columns.

b) The Aztecs (A.D.1200-1521)

- (i) Derived from Chichimecas
- (ii) Site of Tenochtitlan in A.D. 1325
- (iii) chinampa agriculture
- (iv) human sacrifice, terror
- (v) Conquest by Cortez 1521