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XII. Civilization

D. New World

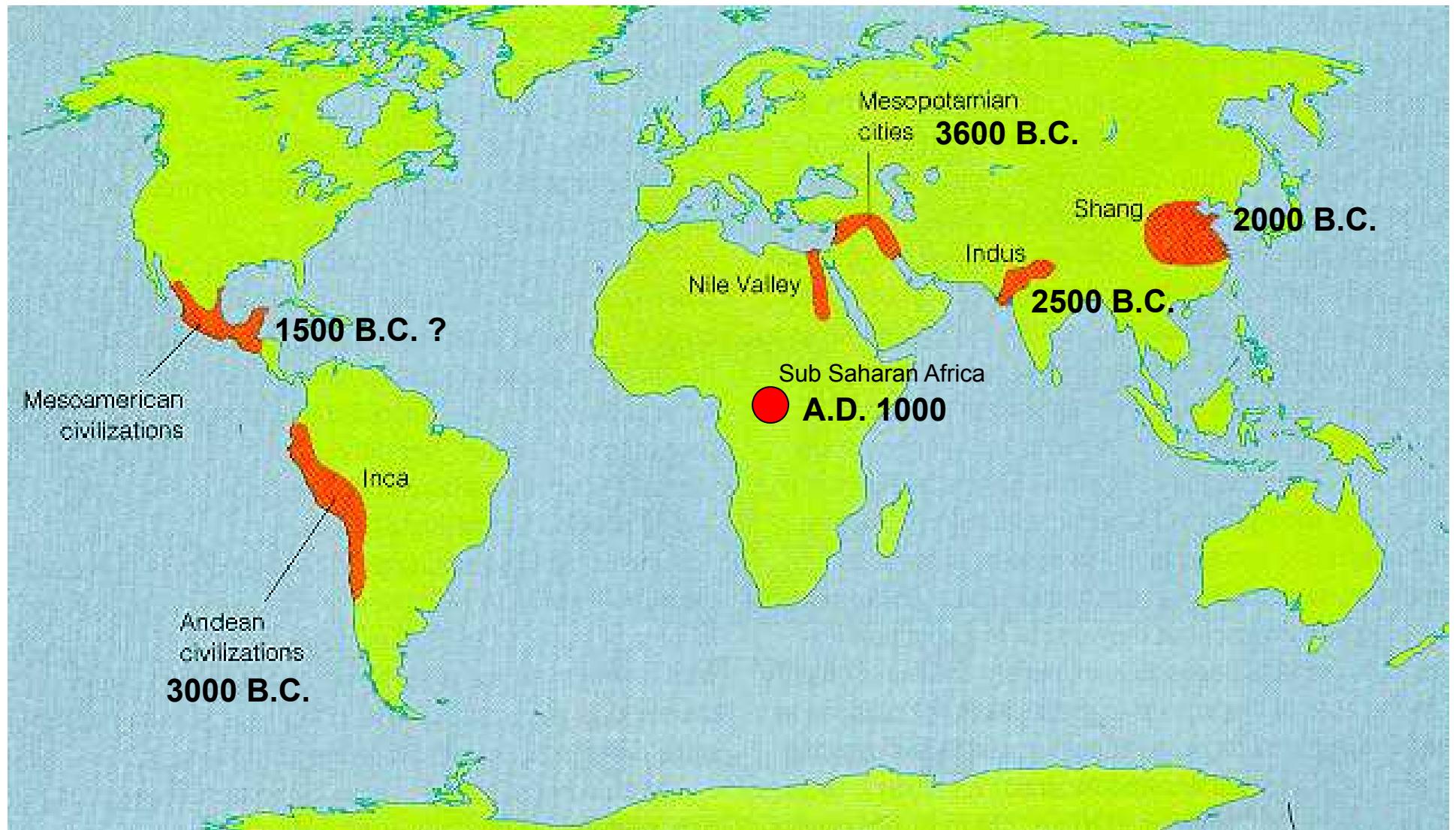
1. Yucatan/Isthmus

- a. Formative/Preclassic
- b. Preclassic
- c. Classic
- d. Post Classic

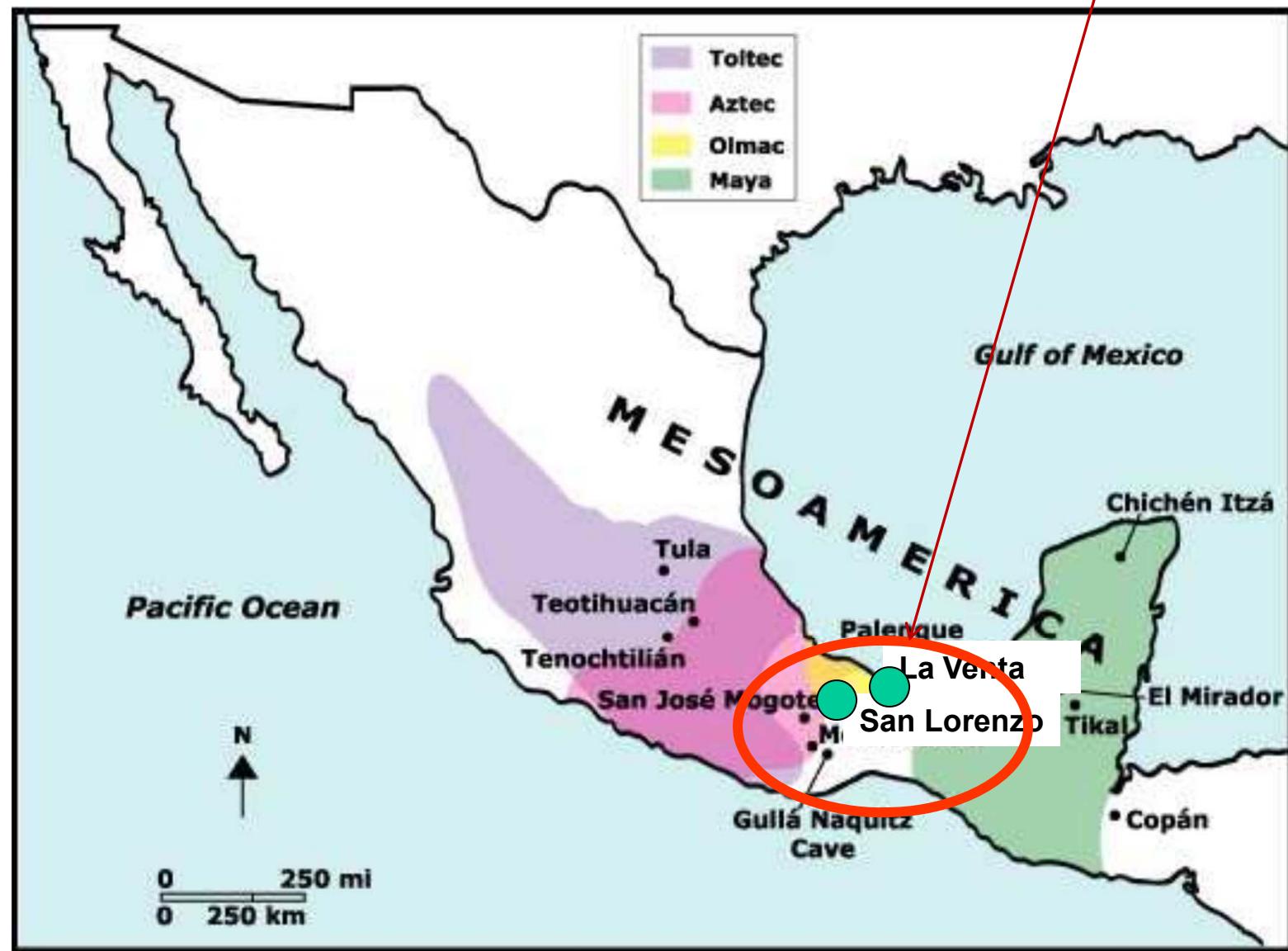
2. Highland Mexico

- a. Classic-Teotihuacan
- b. Post Classic

Major Prehistoric Civilizations



Olmec Culture Area (Isthmus of Tehuantepec)



Years A.D./B.C.	Isthmus	Yucatan	Valley of Mexico
1600			
1500		+	+
1400		+	AZTEC
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Formative Culture:
The Olmec
(1500-500 B.C.)



Pyramid at La Venta



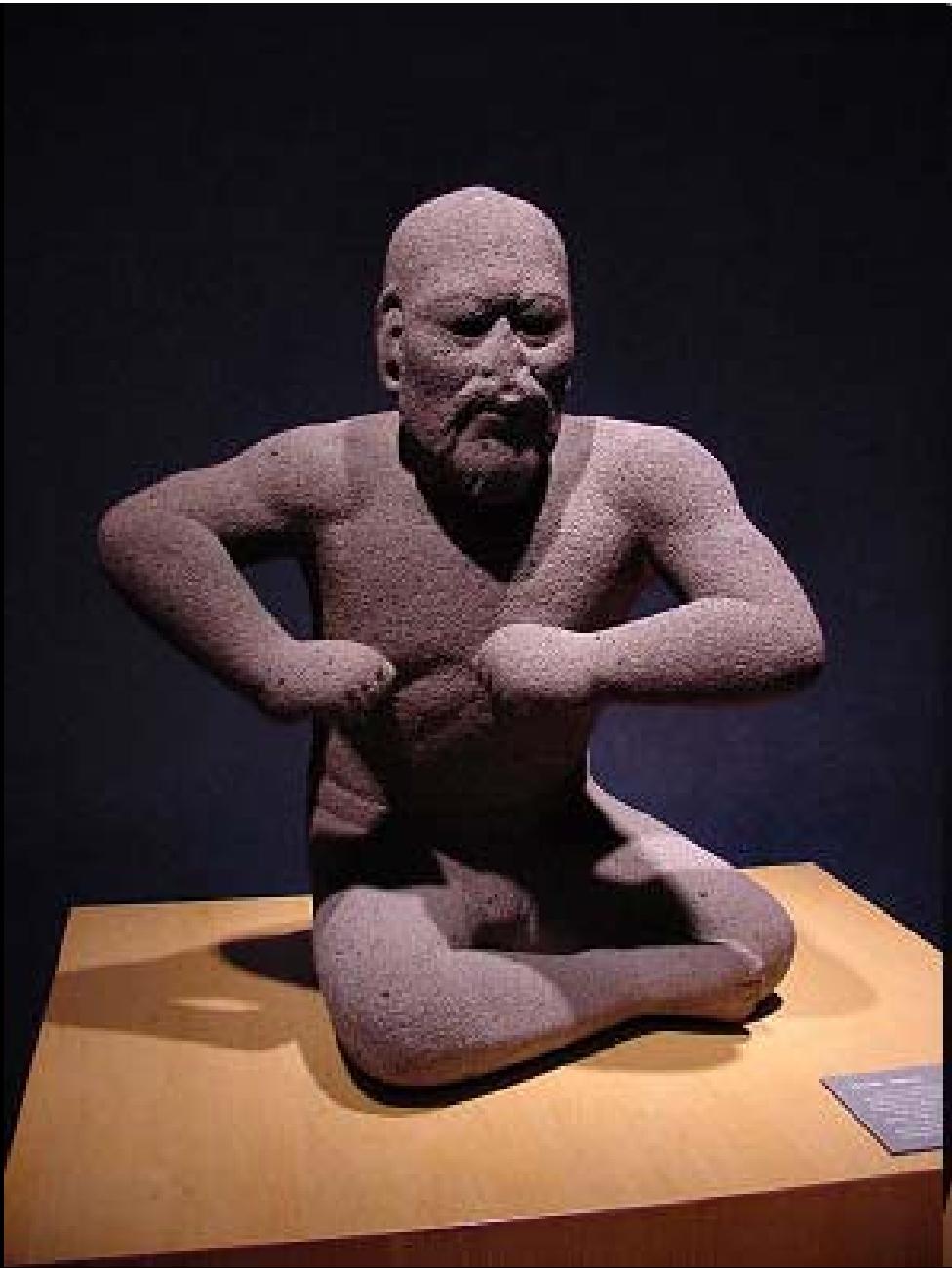
d. Distinctive art style



Another Alter from La Venta



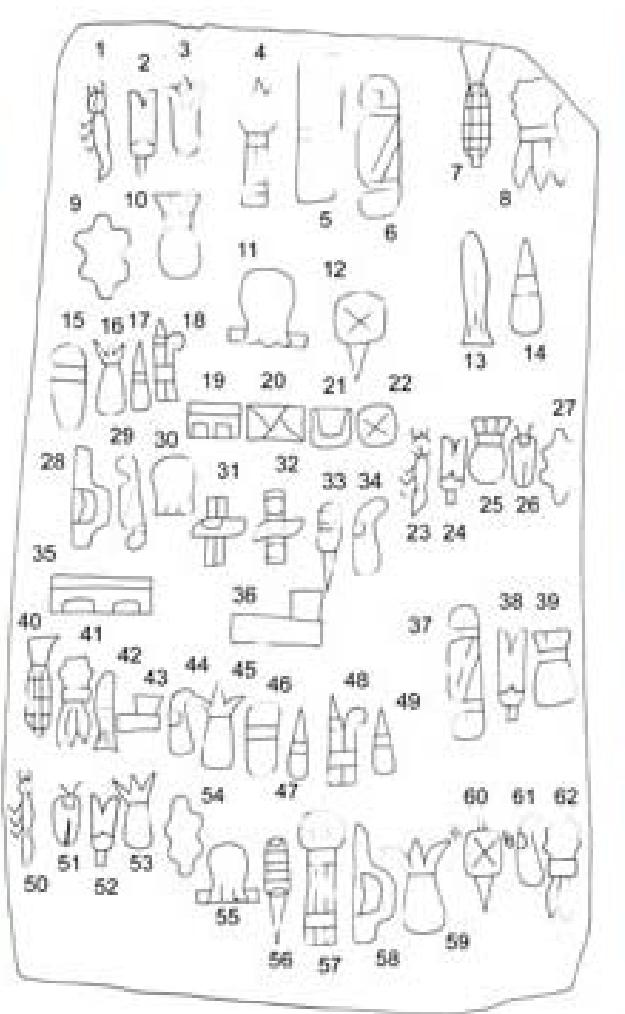




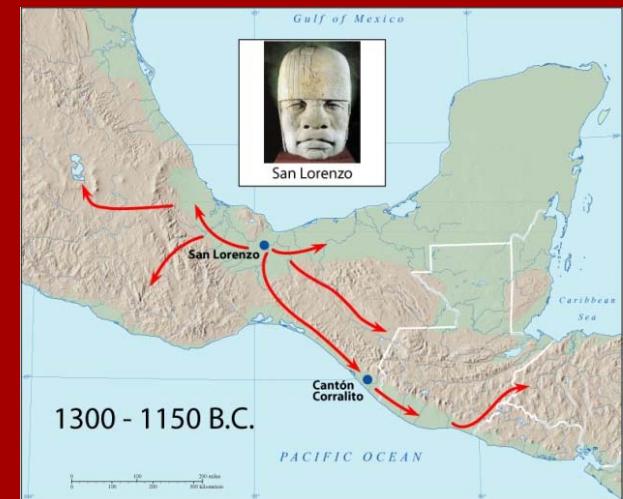
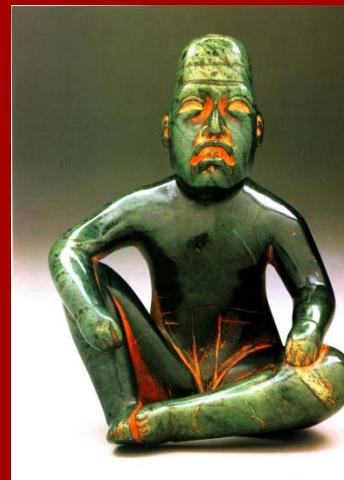
Olmec Ceramic Bottle



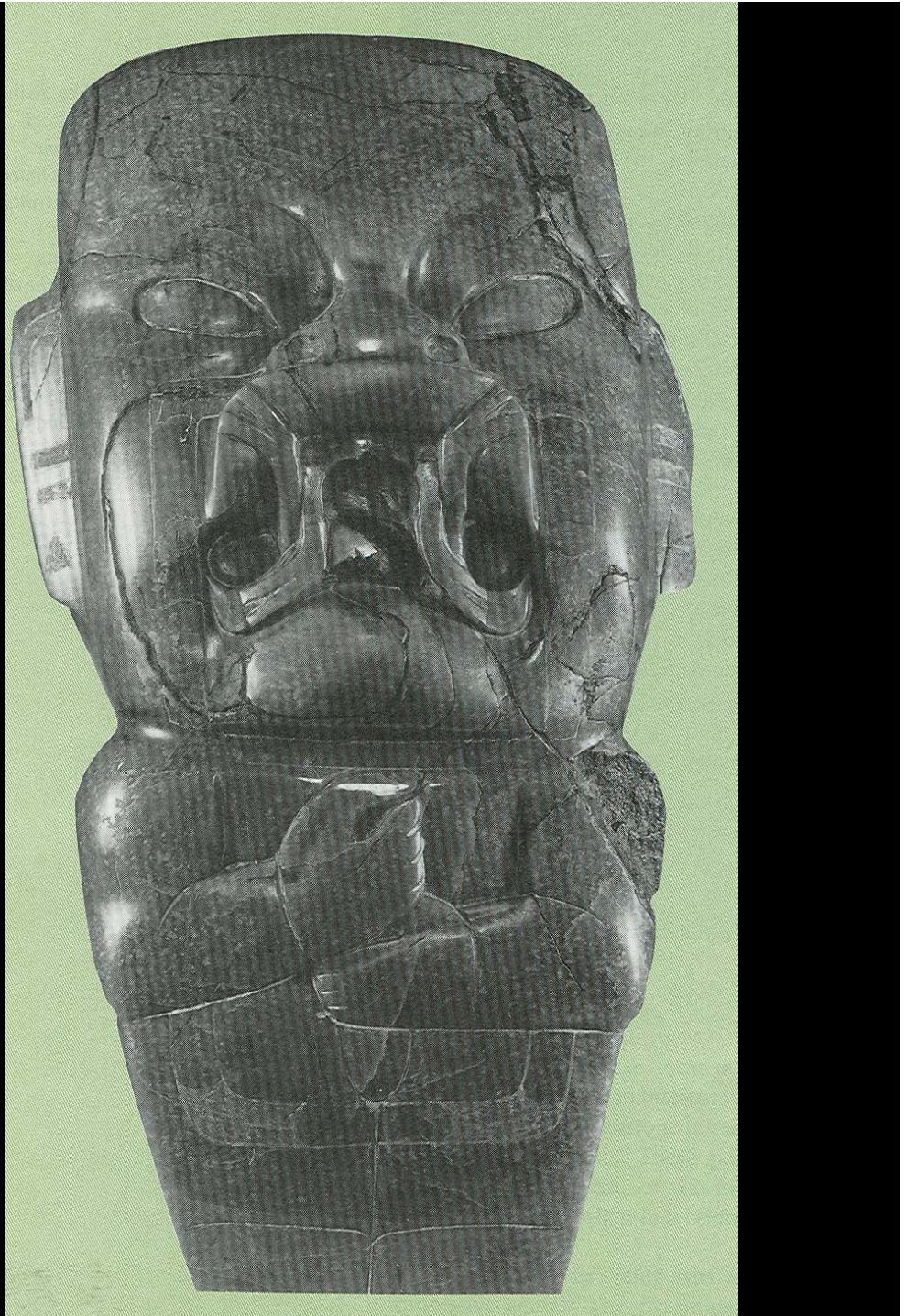
e. Possible Olmec Writing???



What is Olmec?



**THE OLMEC HORIZON:
A SINGLE STATE
CREATED BY
CONQUEST?
(Michael Coe)**





A State Created by Conquest?



Cases for External Contact:

Africa?

China?

Egypt?

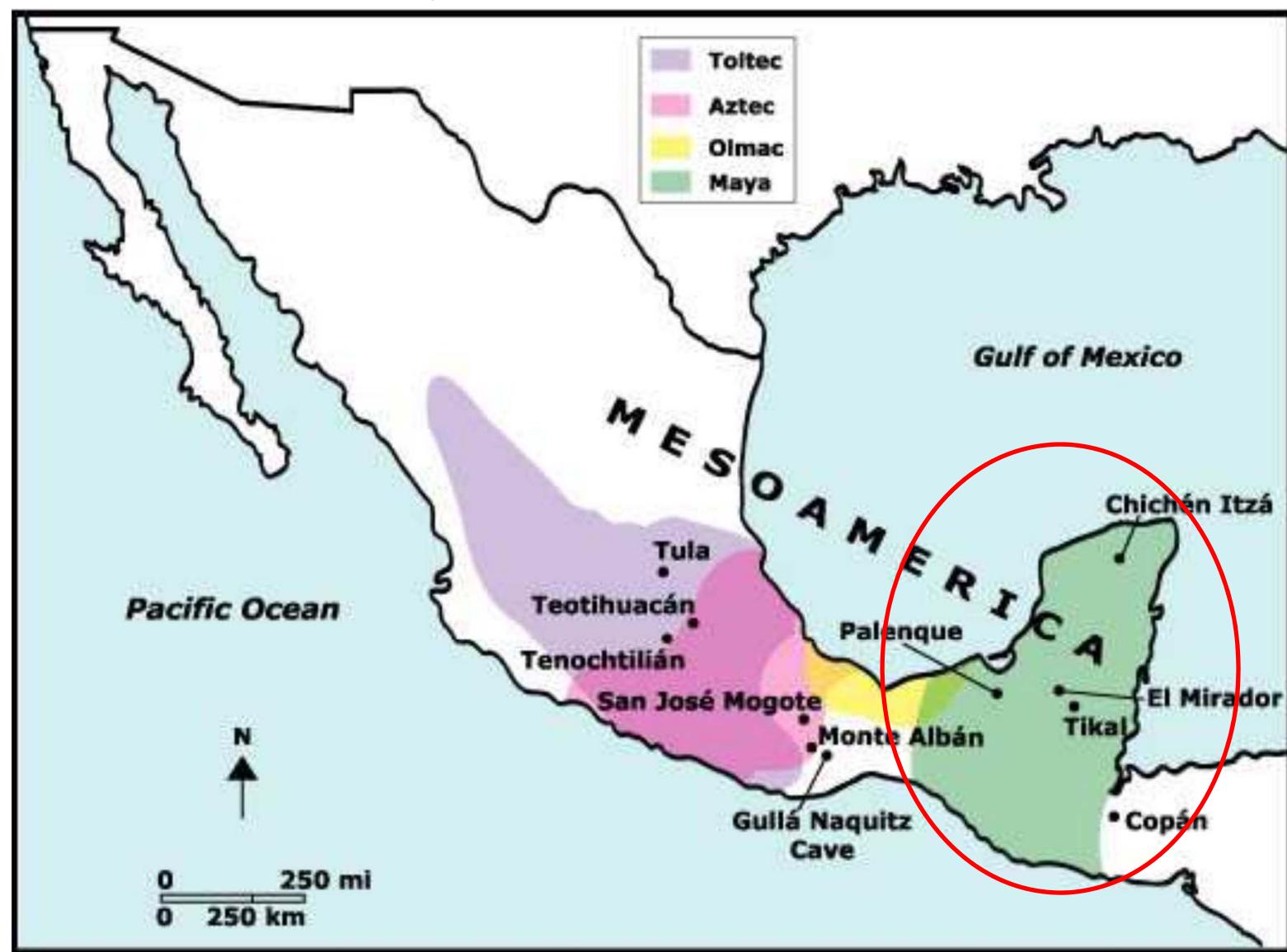
Poverty Point?



SUMMARY OF OLMEC CULTURE

Distinctive traits:	Huge stone heads Clay and earthen pyramids Slant-eyed clay and stone figurines Half jaguar, half human (were-jaguar) motifs
Famous Sites:	La Venta San Lorenzo
Classic traits	Monumental architecture Writing
Questionable traits	State-type political organization (?) Cities (?)

Mayan Culture Area



Olmec Mayan-like Traits (Kent Reilly)

Pyramid construction

Ball game?

Auto sacrifice

Writing?

Non-Mayan (Norm Hammond)

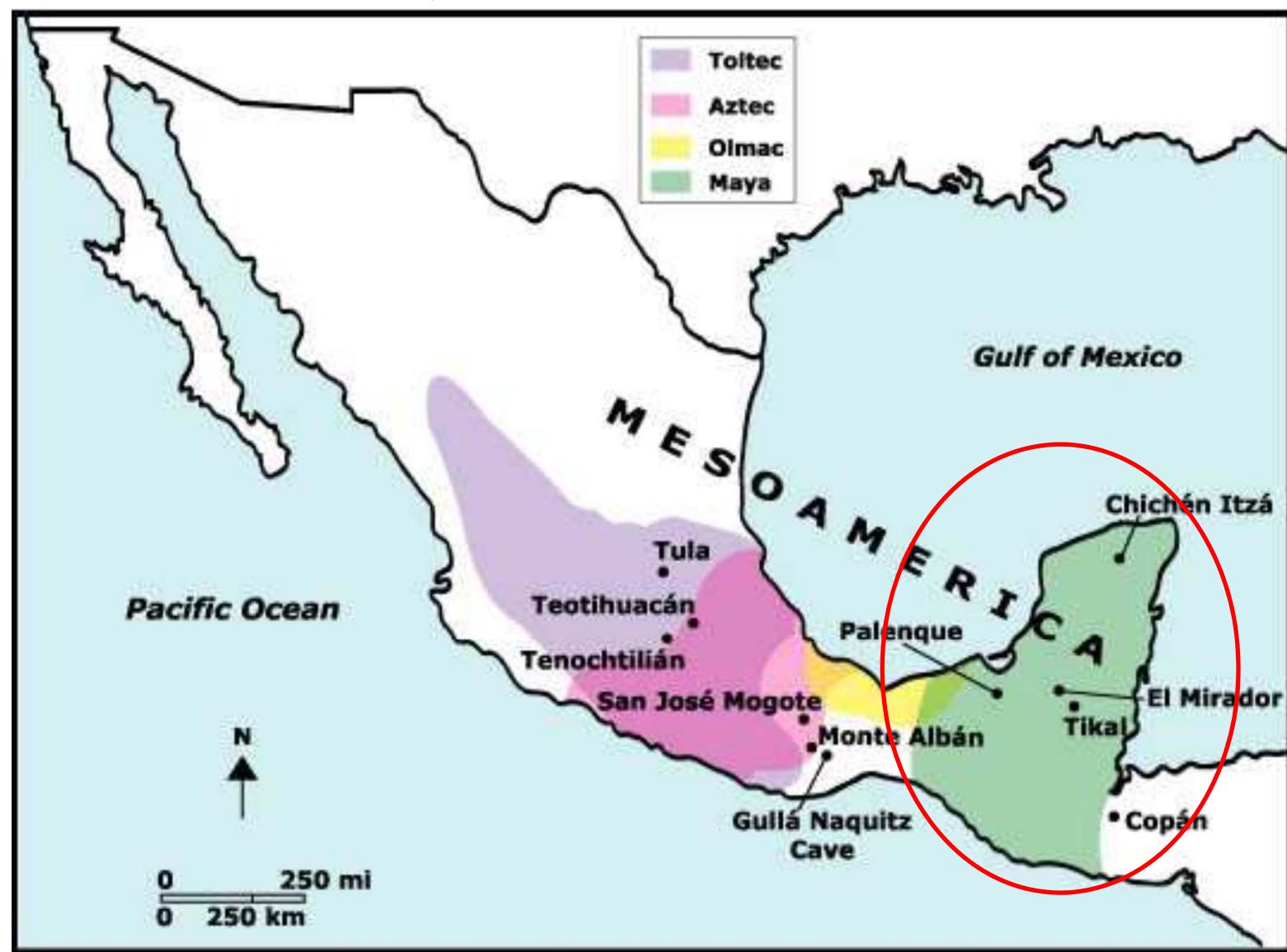
Artistic styles (wrestler, heads)

The Olmec Alter

Writing (?) No similarity to

later Mayan glyphs

Mayan Culture Area



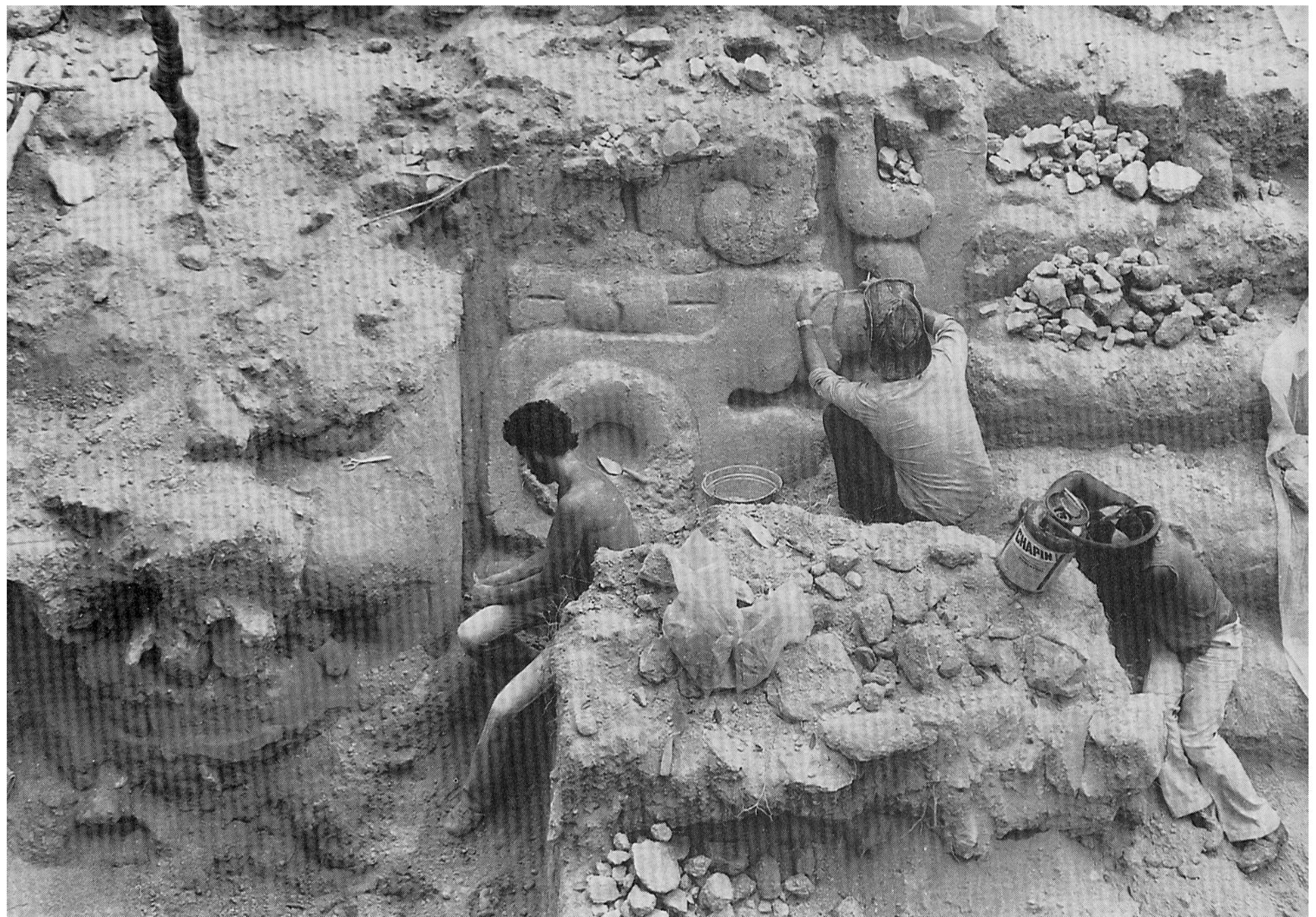
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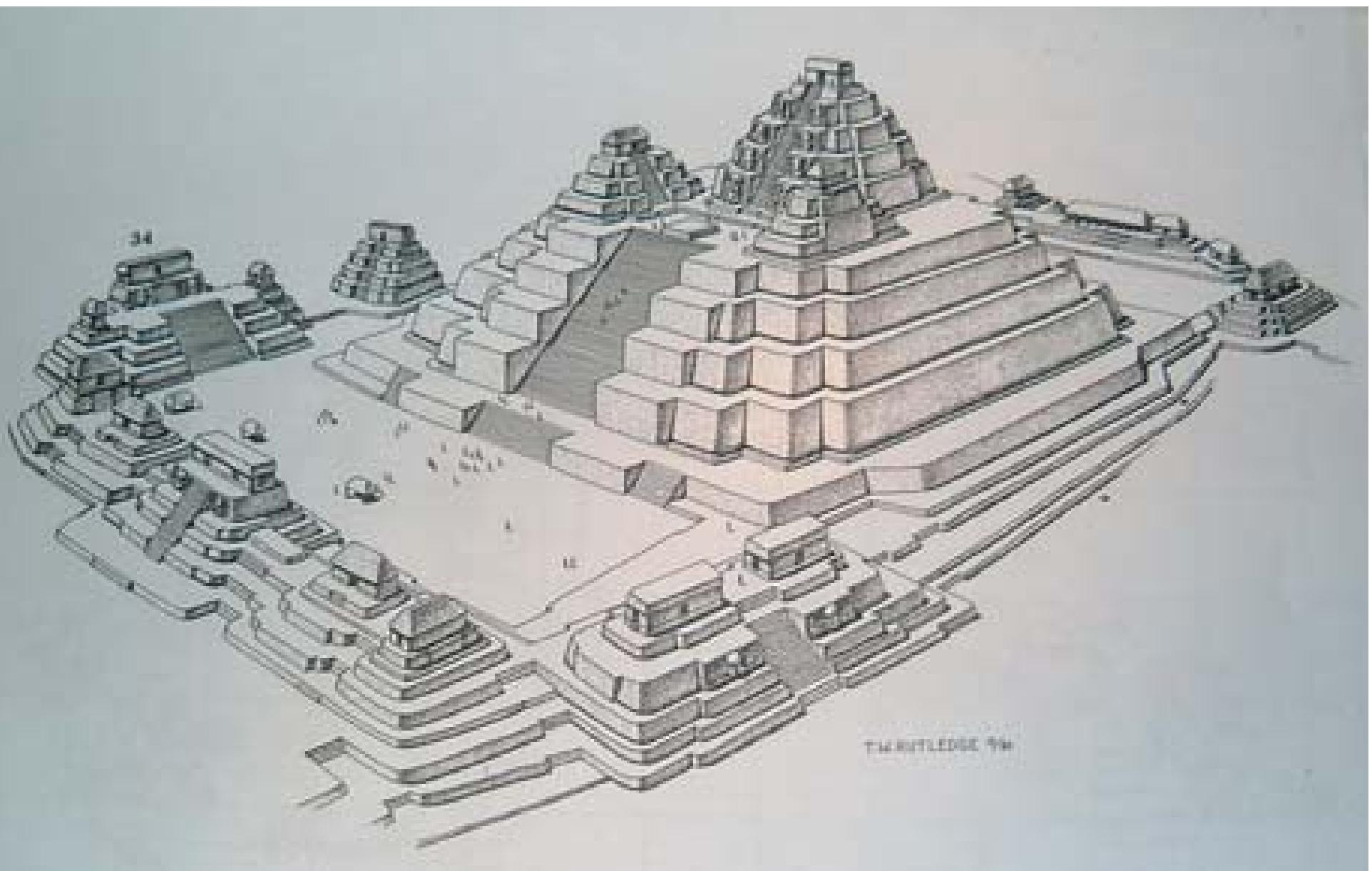


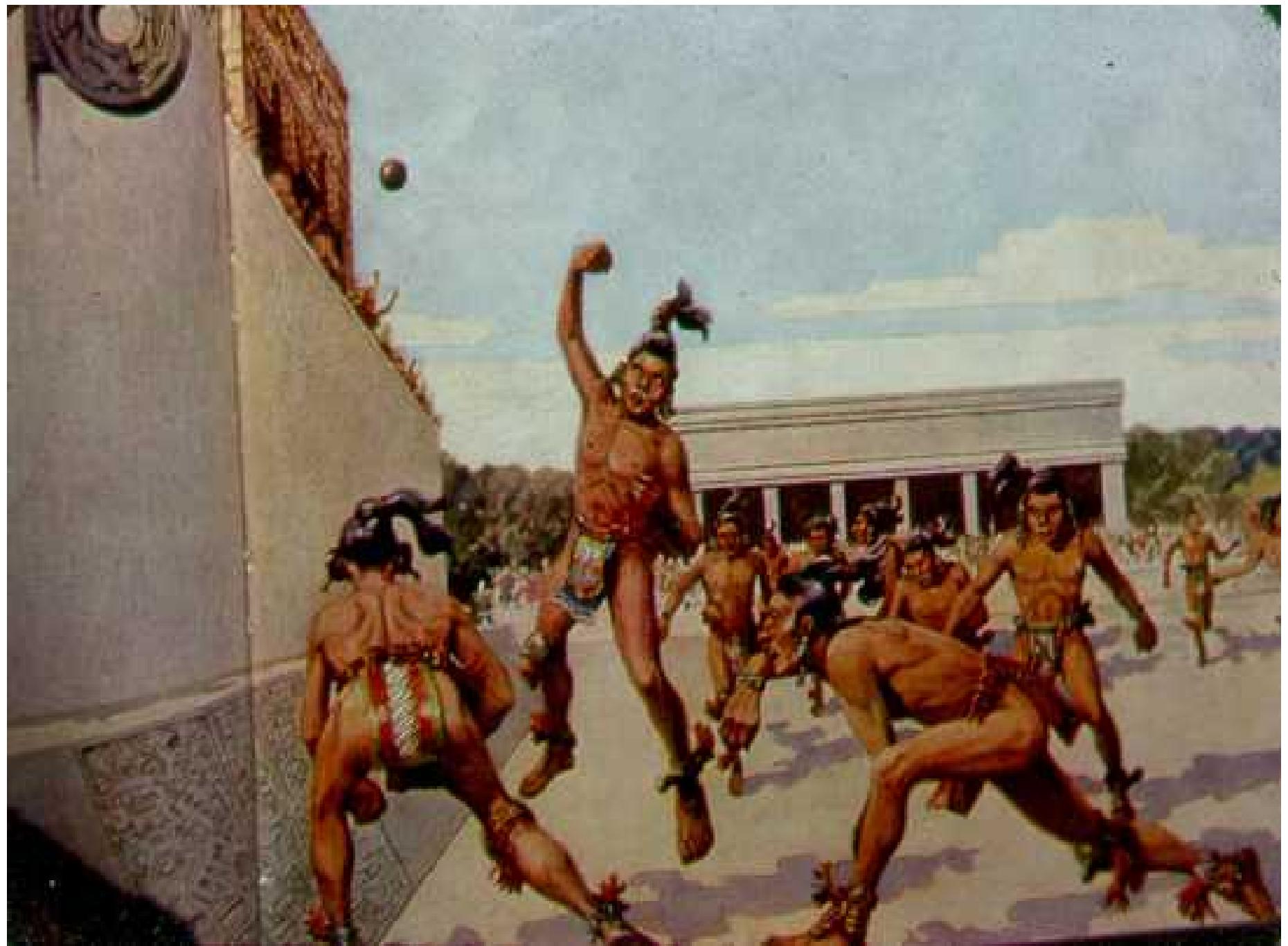
El Mirador 300 B.C.- A.D. 250











- d) Large residential compounds (El Mirador is a city!)
- e) Long distance trade
- f) Writing!

Classic Maya Capitals Cities A.D.250-850



Kingdom: A state ruled by a king (or queen) who inherits their authority and whose power is at least partially secular



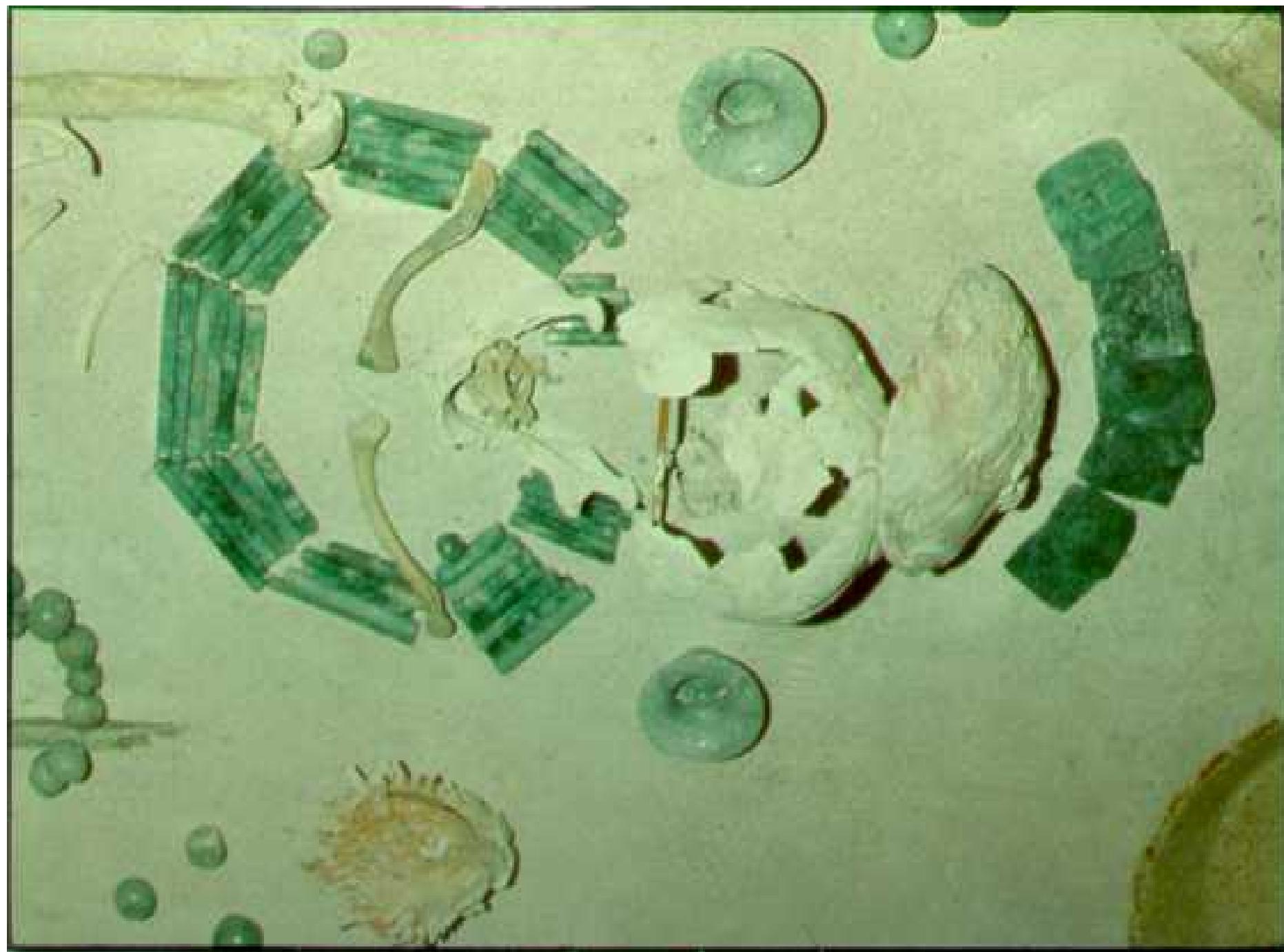
Written Hieroglyphic Script





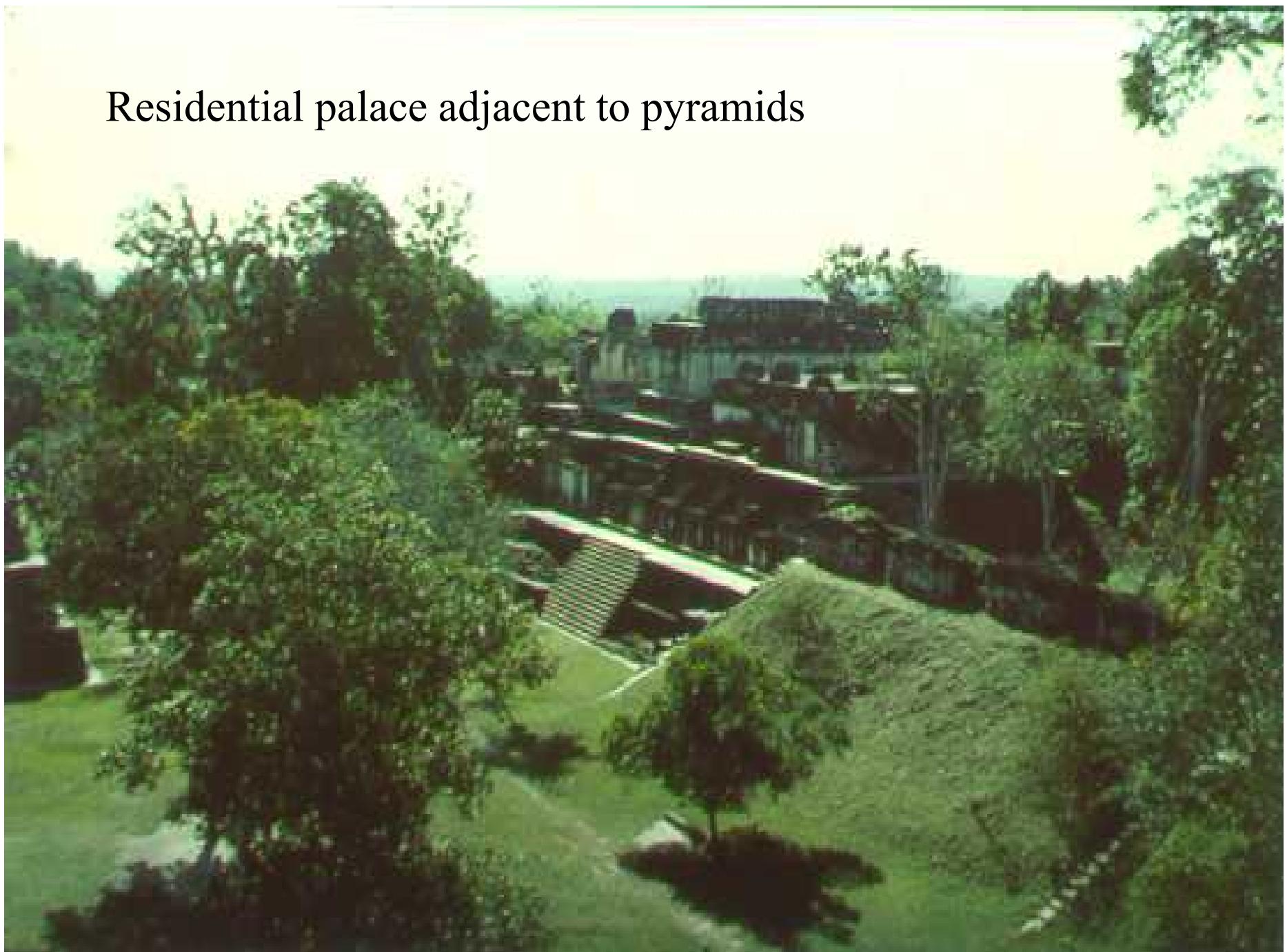








Residential palace adjacent to pyramids





Ball Court



Stela



Classic Maya Capitals Cities A.D.250-850



Corbeled Arch at Copan



Hieroglyphic Stairway at Copan









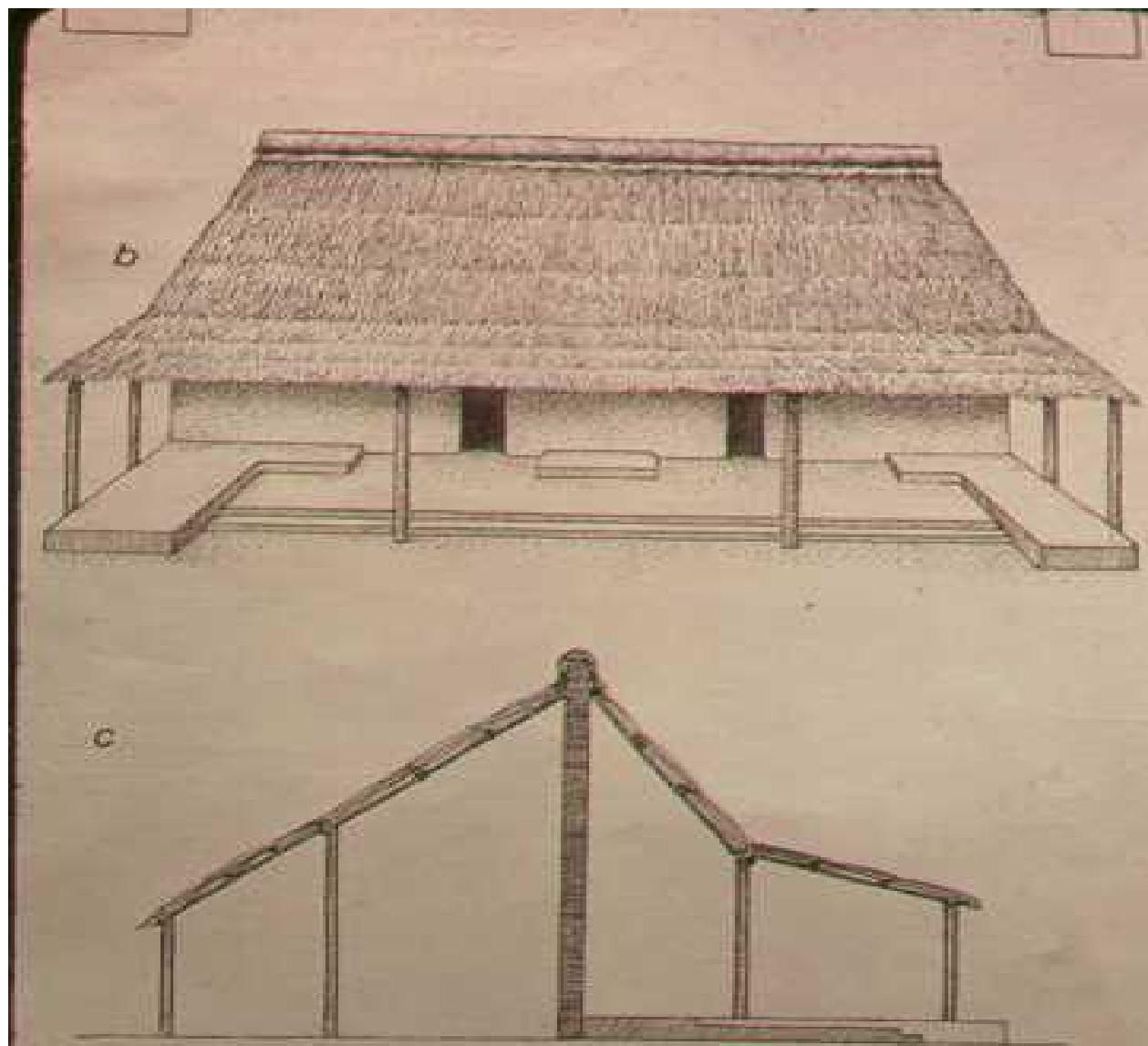
Divine king
And Head Priest



- i) Warfare
- (ii) Rituals
- (iii) Feasts



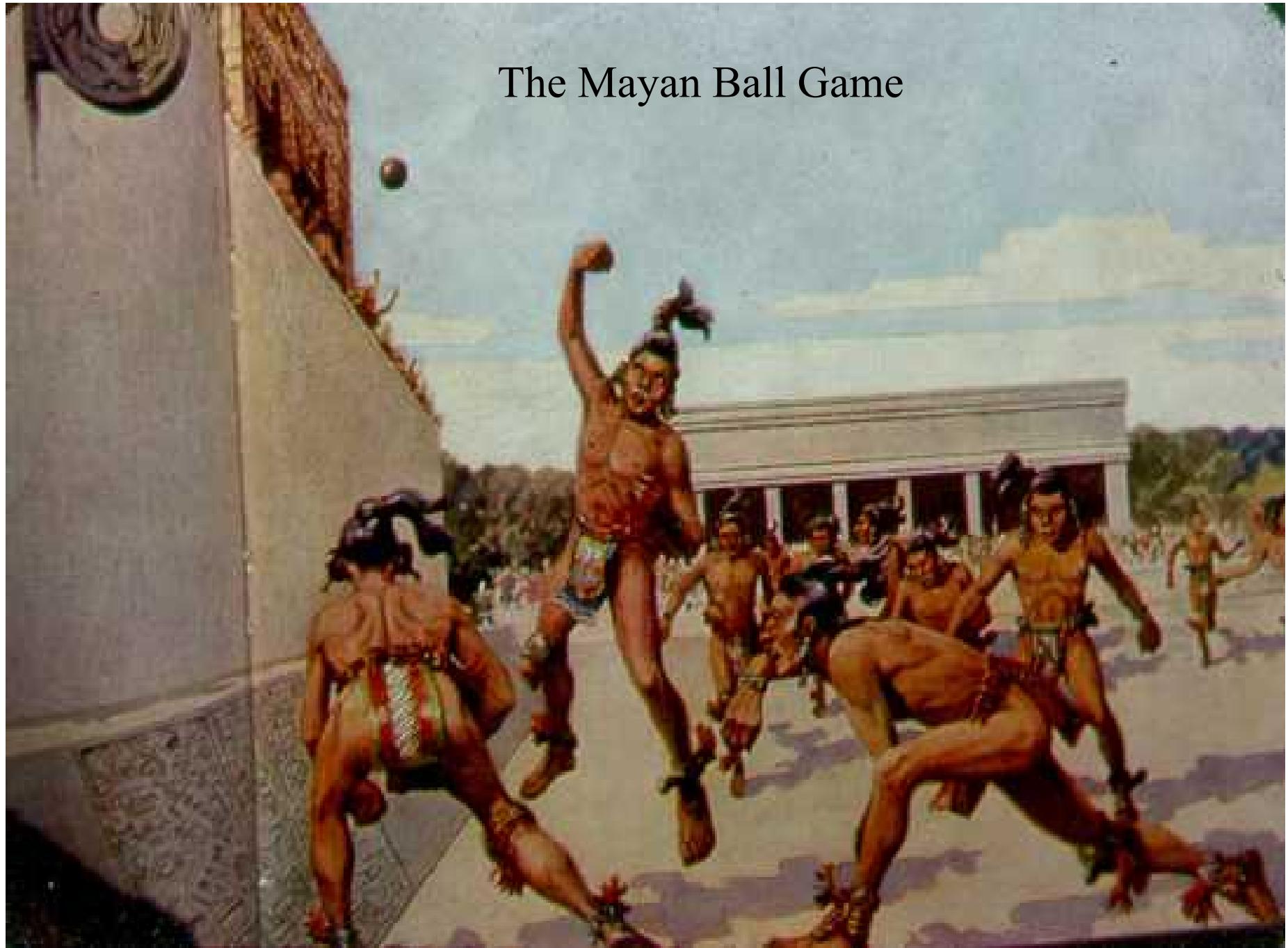




FALSE-FRONT HOUSE. Its investment in masonry construction confined to one wall (*a*, color), is an example of applied Purism propagation. All a visitor to the house could see was a shady thatched porch (*b*), backed by a smoothly plastered and brightly painted wall. Only prying eyes would discover that the rest of the house was simple pole-and-thatch (*c*). House plan seen here was measured at San Gerardo, Mayagna contains similar structures.



The Mayan Ball Game



Maya Ballgame



Whittington 2001

The Sport of Life and Death



Rings

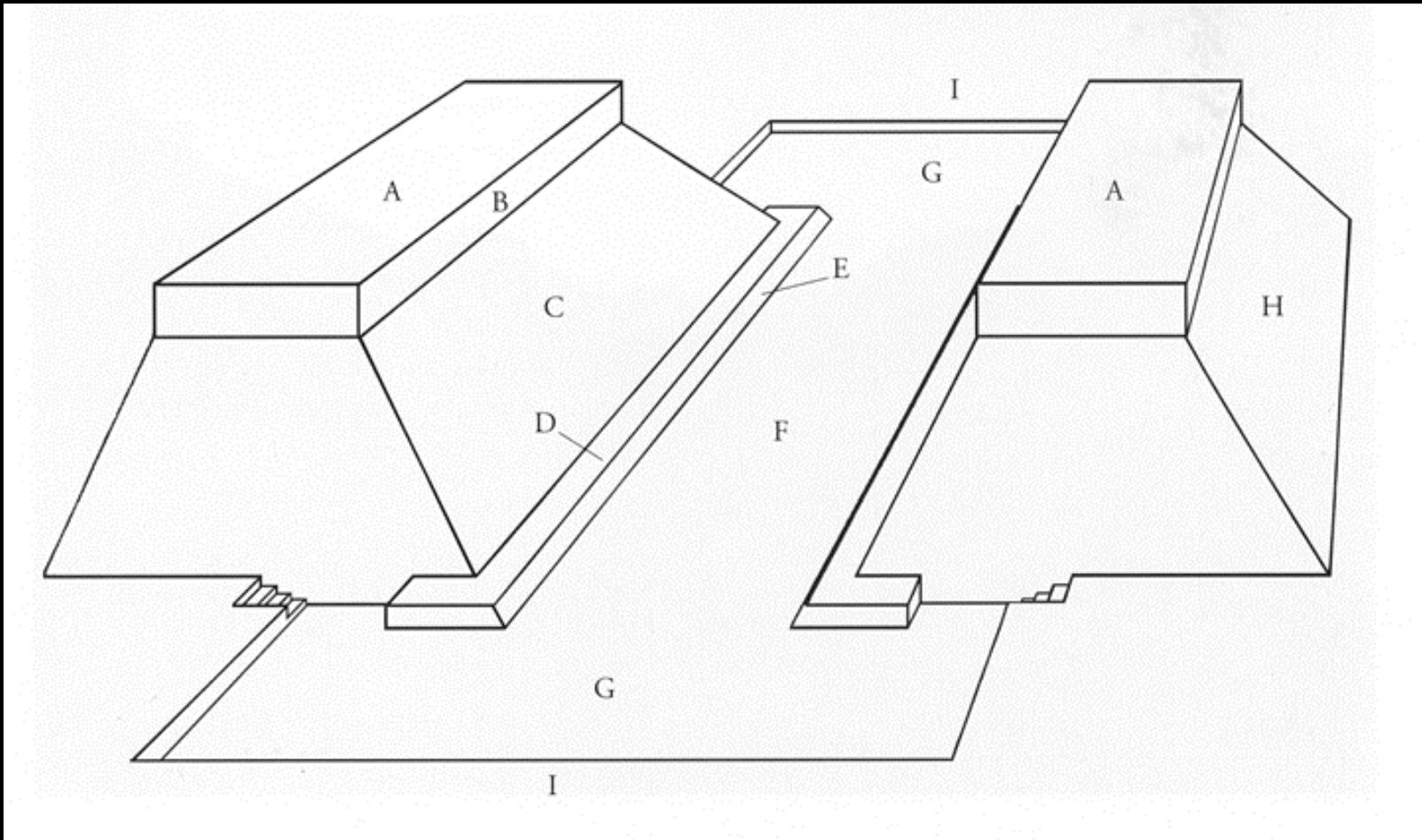
Mesoamerican Ballgame



World Tour AD 1520--Royal Courts of Europe

Ballcourts

Varied in size and location



Two parallel walls

Sides slope inward

Endzones (I- shaped)

Distribution of Ballcourts



Rubber balls



Mesoamerican Rubber Ball found in the Sierra Nevada, California



Uniforms



Protective Armor

Waist yoke

Wrapped with cotton cloth

Sometimes padded (ceiba)

Long hip cloth

Deerskin w/feathers

Wrapped legs and
lower arms.

Knee pads

The Game



2-5 players per team

1 on 1 most common

w/ reserve behind

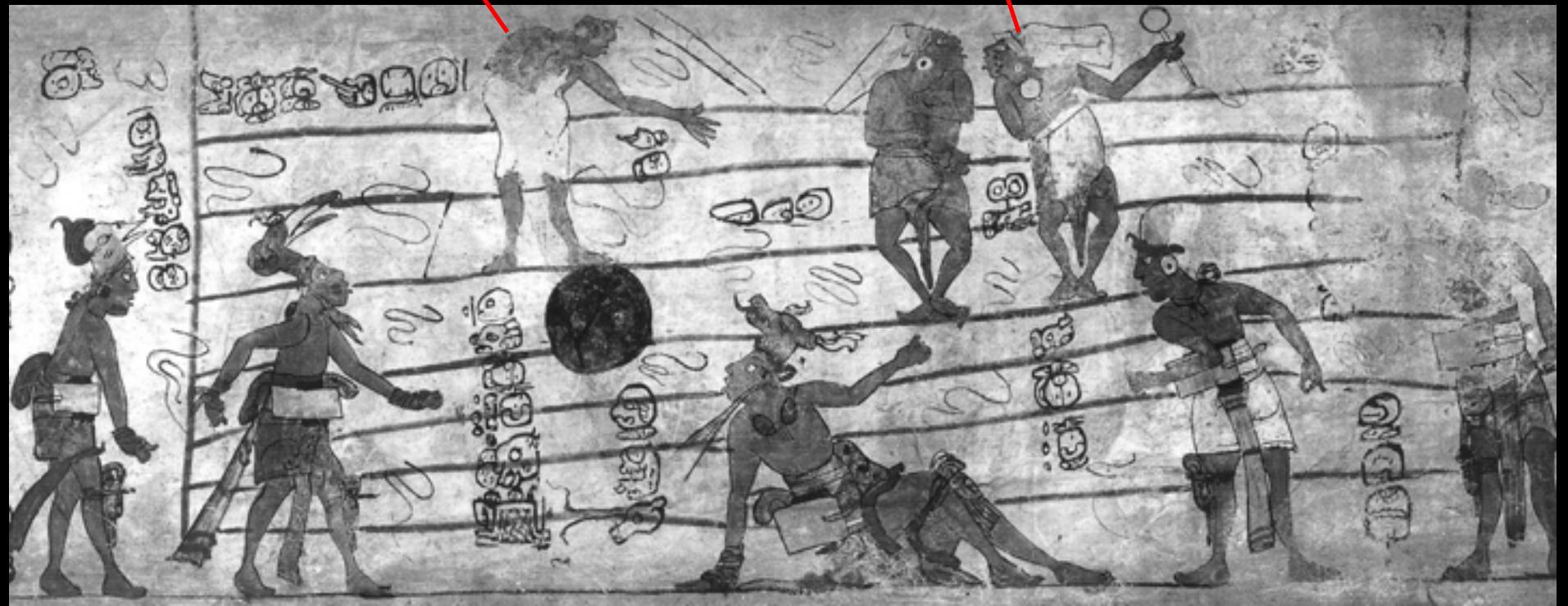
Ceremony

Judges

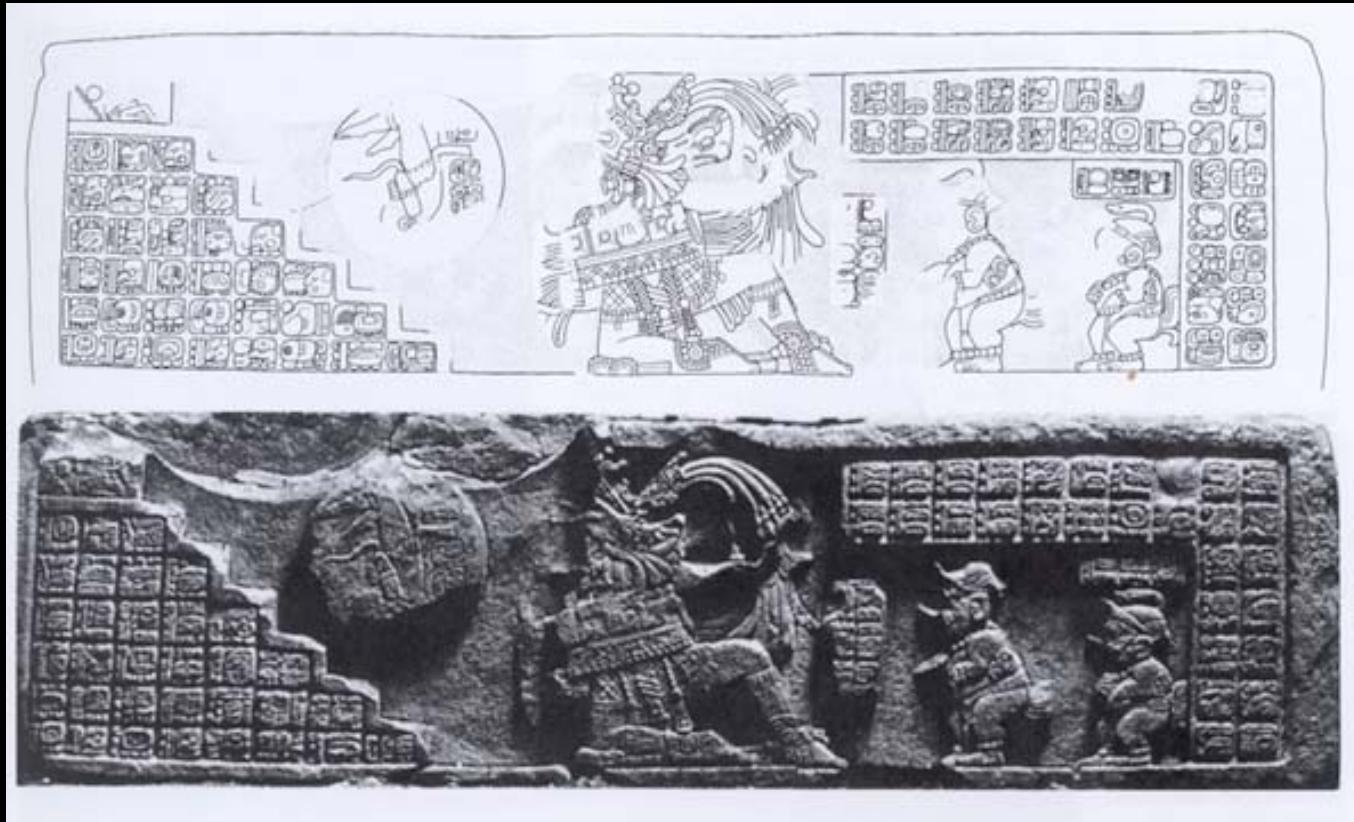
Accompanied by:

Music

Dance



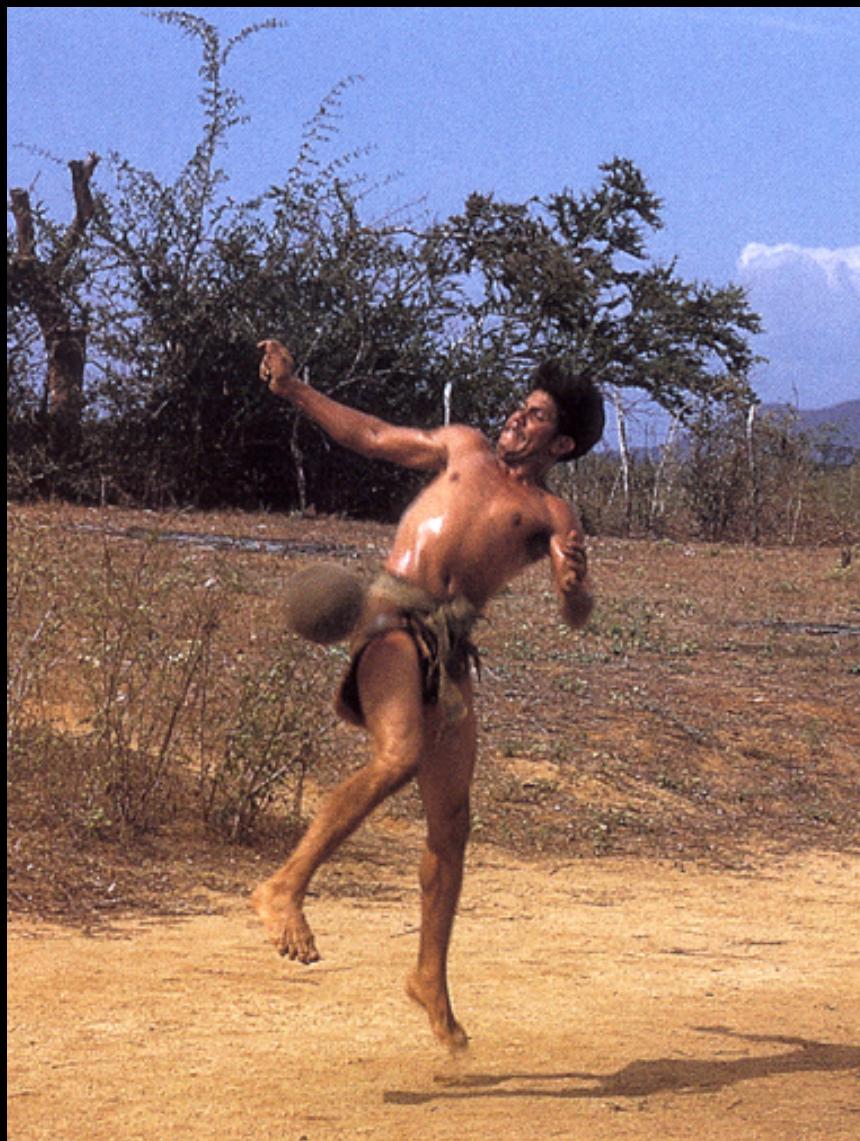
Sacrifice Associated with Ballgame



Writing on ballcourts

Representations of
Sacrifice
Losers sacrificed

Ethnographic Analogy



b)The Mayan Collapse:

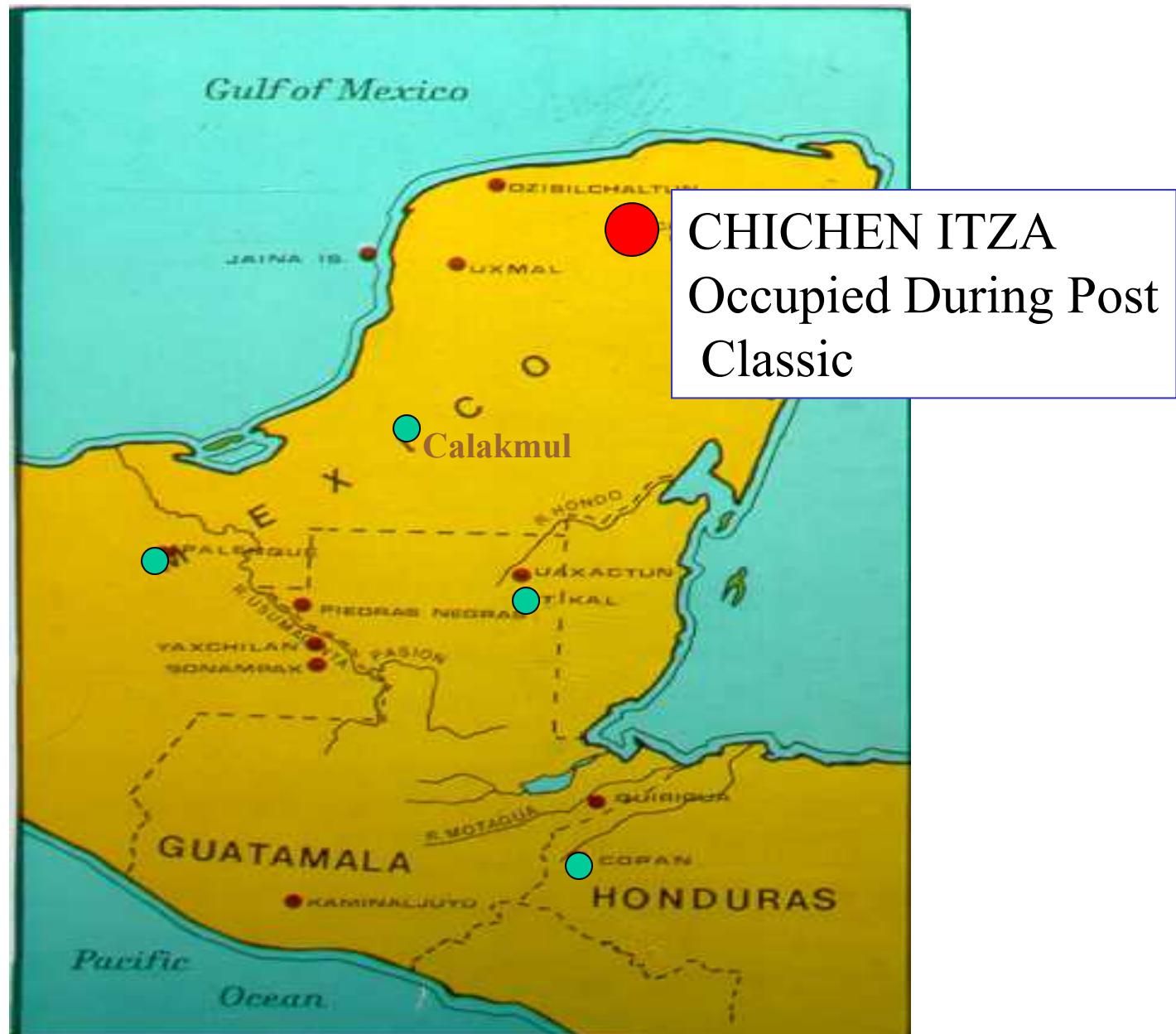
(i) Warfare

(ii) Collapse of the agricultural system

(iii) External environmental factors:

Drought!

Classic Maya Capitals Cities Abandoned between A.D.800 and 900



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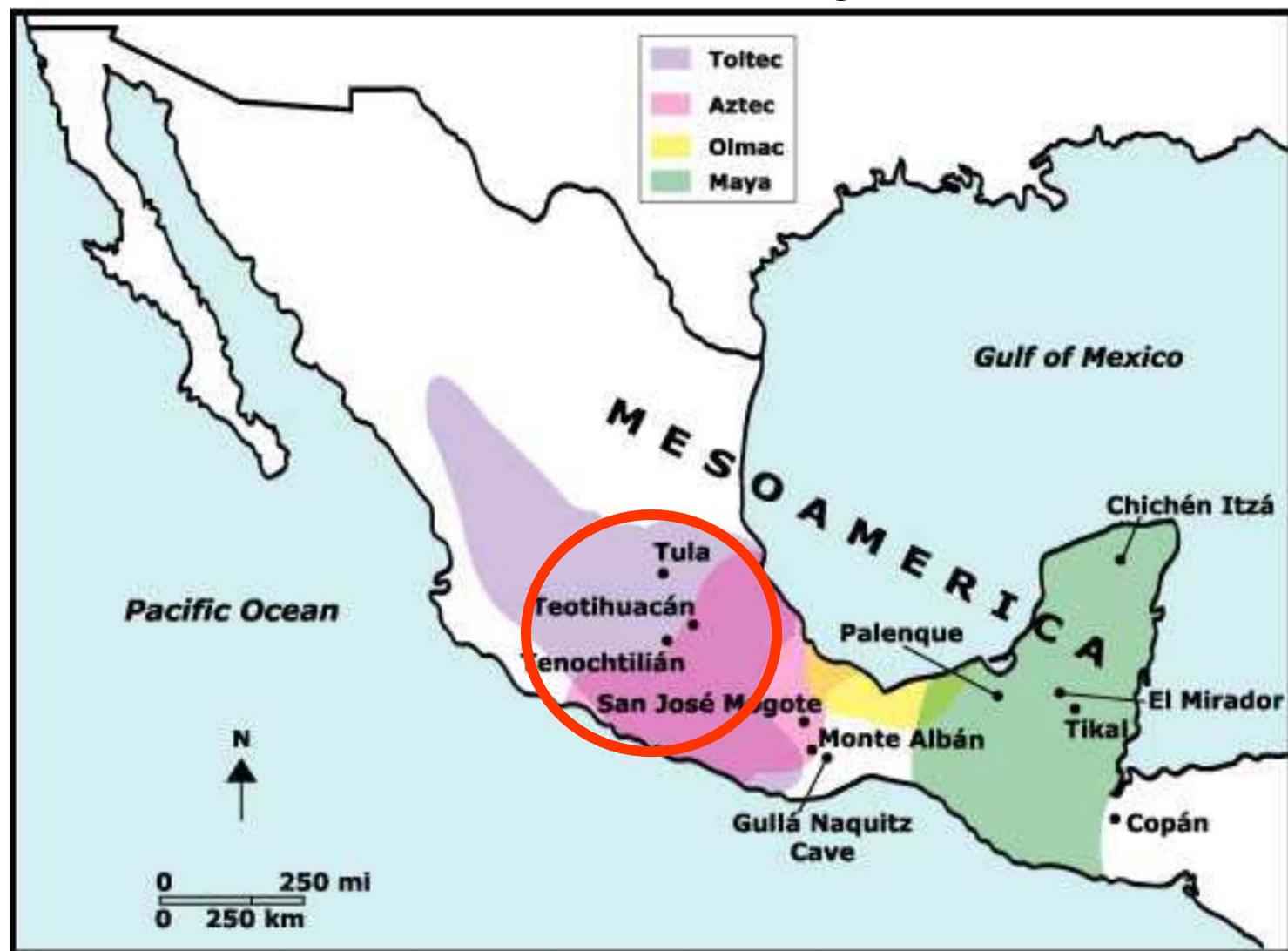
Post Classic



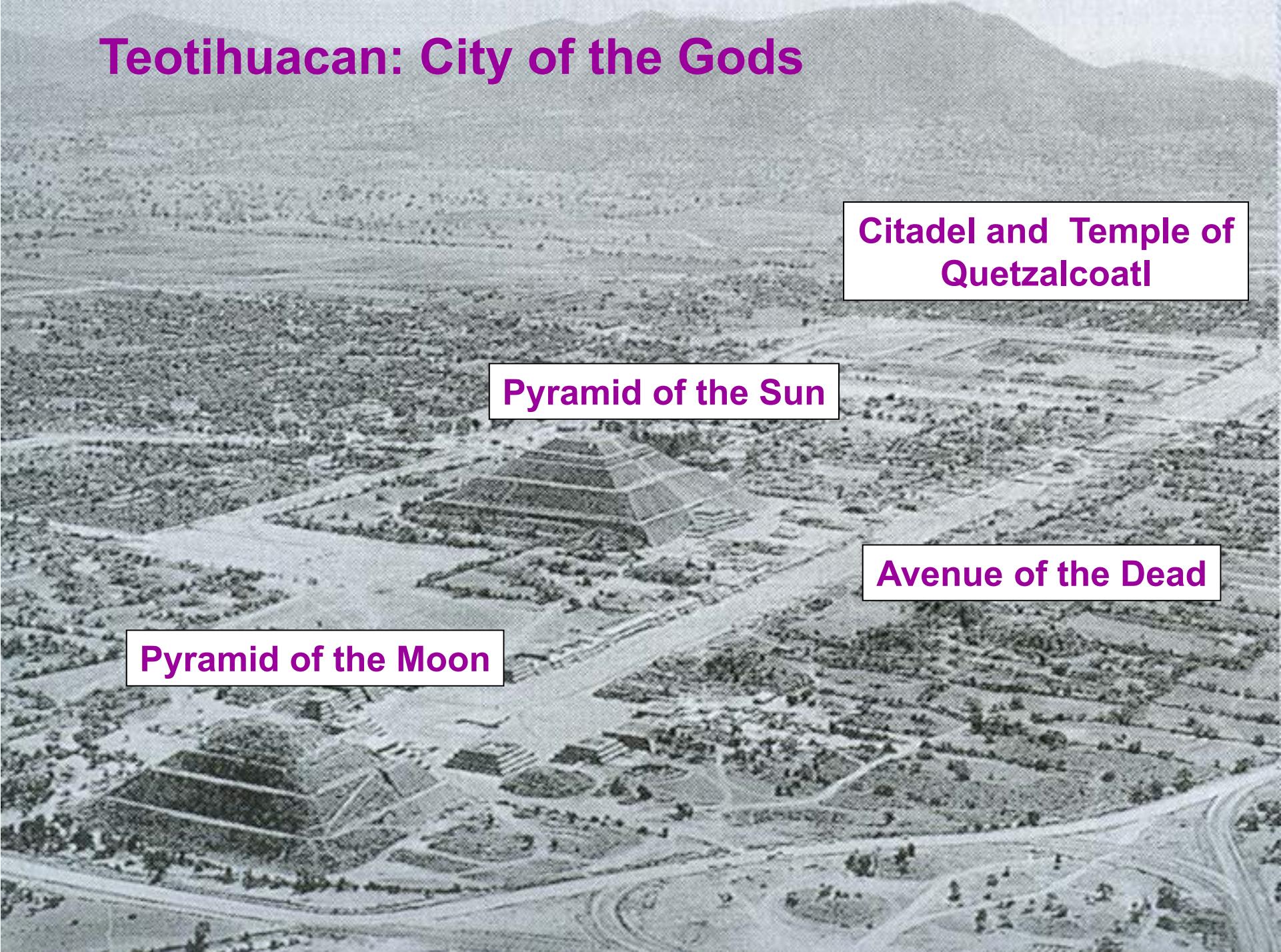


2. Mesoamerica II: Highland Mexico

i. Teotihuacan: The Classic Period in Highland, Mexico



Teotihuacan: City of the Gods



Citadel and Temple of Quetzalcoatl

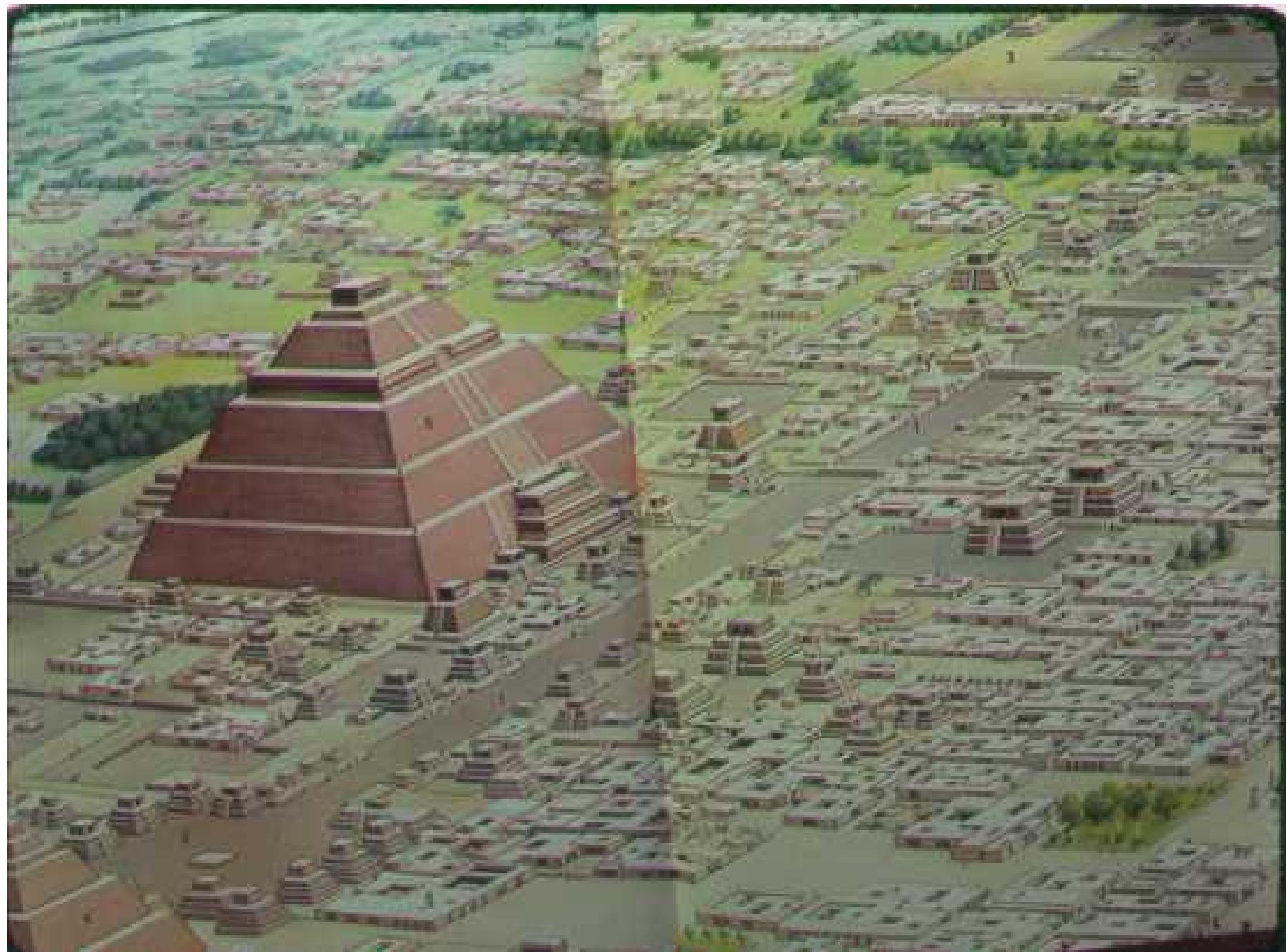
Pyramid of the Sun

Avenue of the Dead

Pyramid of the Moon





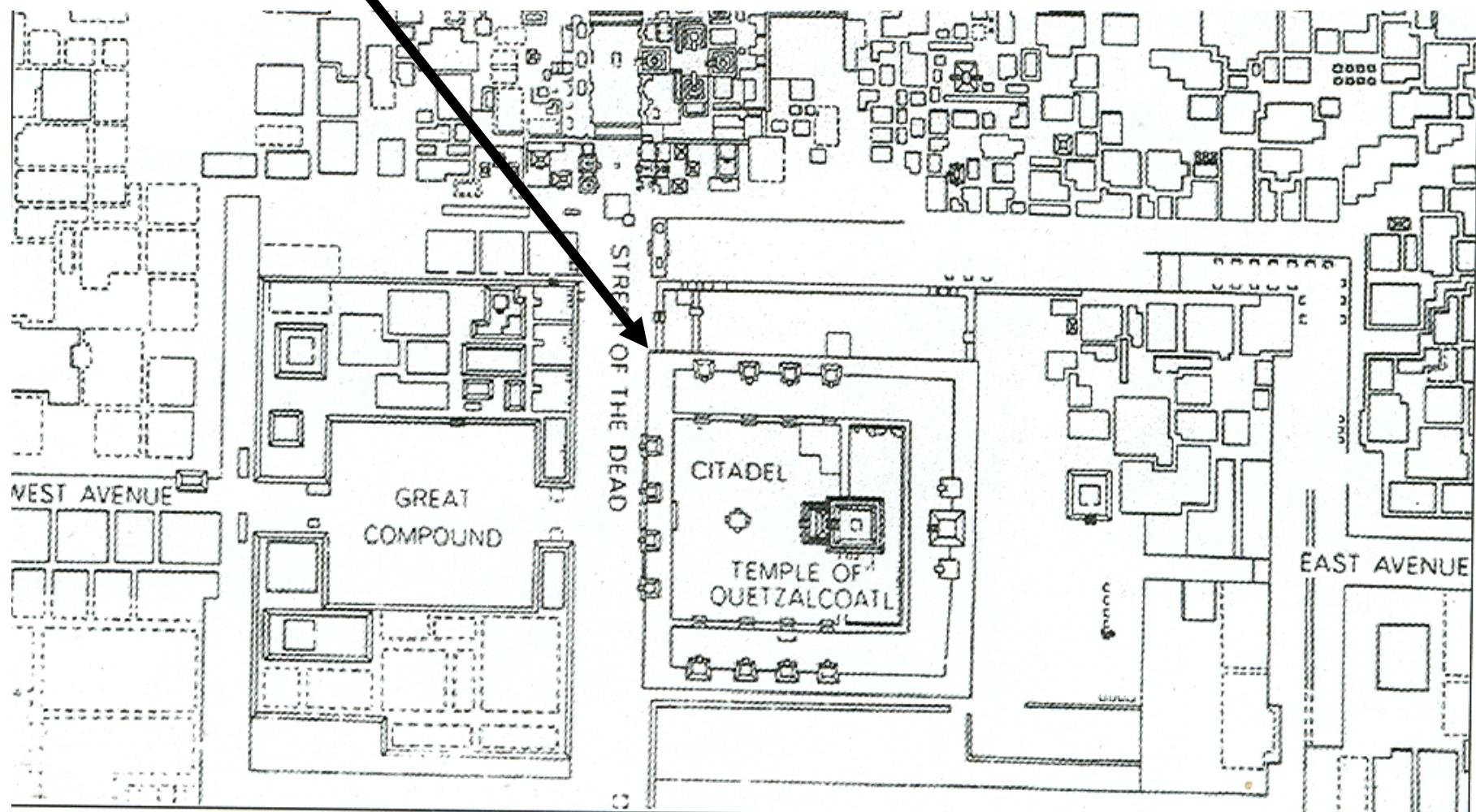




The Citadel, Teotihuacan



Citadel





Temple of Quetzalcoatl



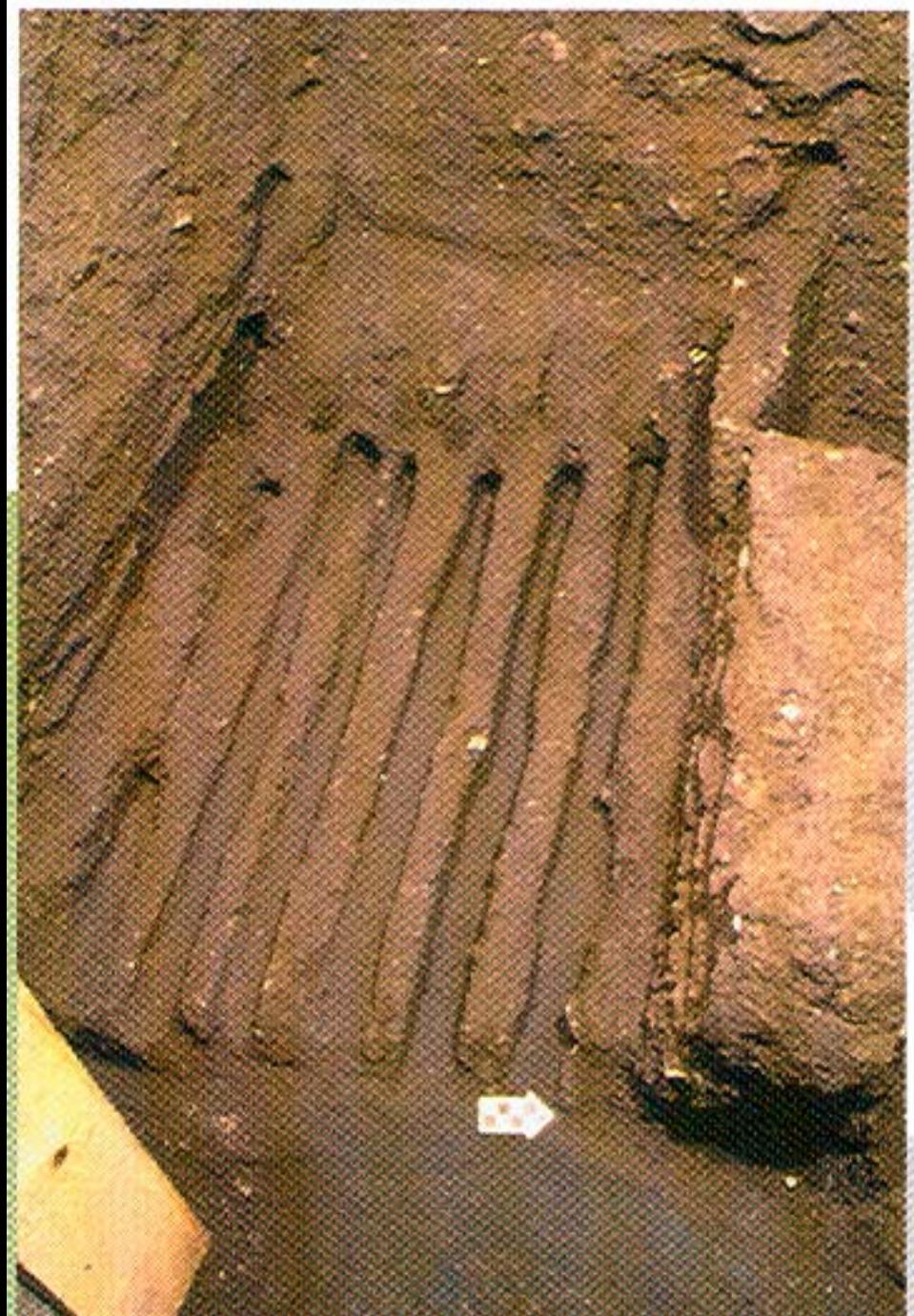


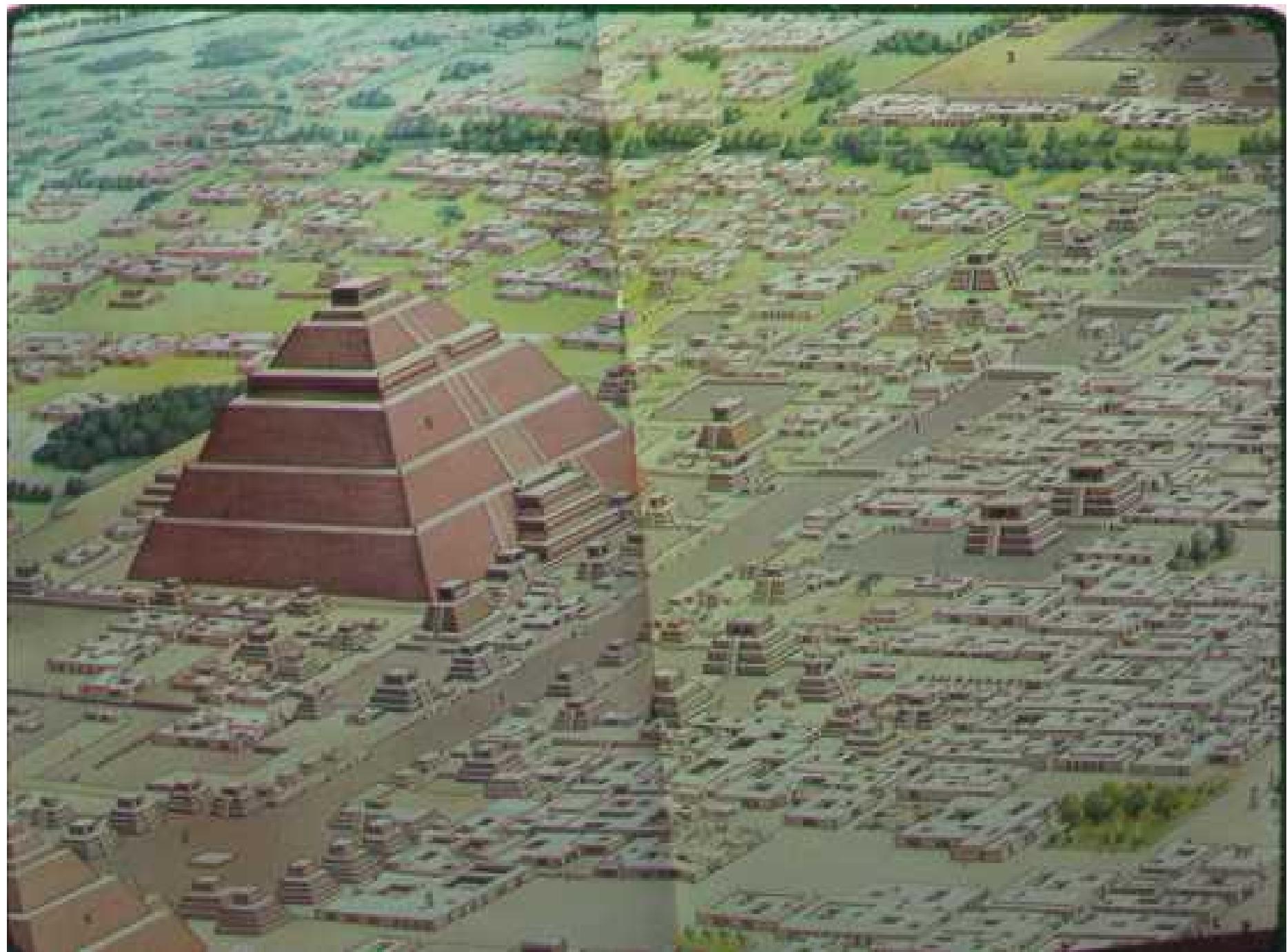
Quetzalcoatl:
Feathered Serpent God

Sacrificial Victim Temple of Quetzalcoatl



Remains
Of
Animal Cage



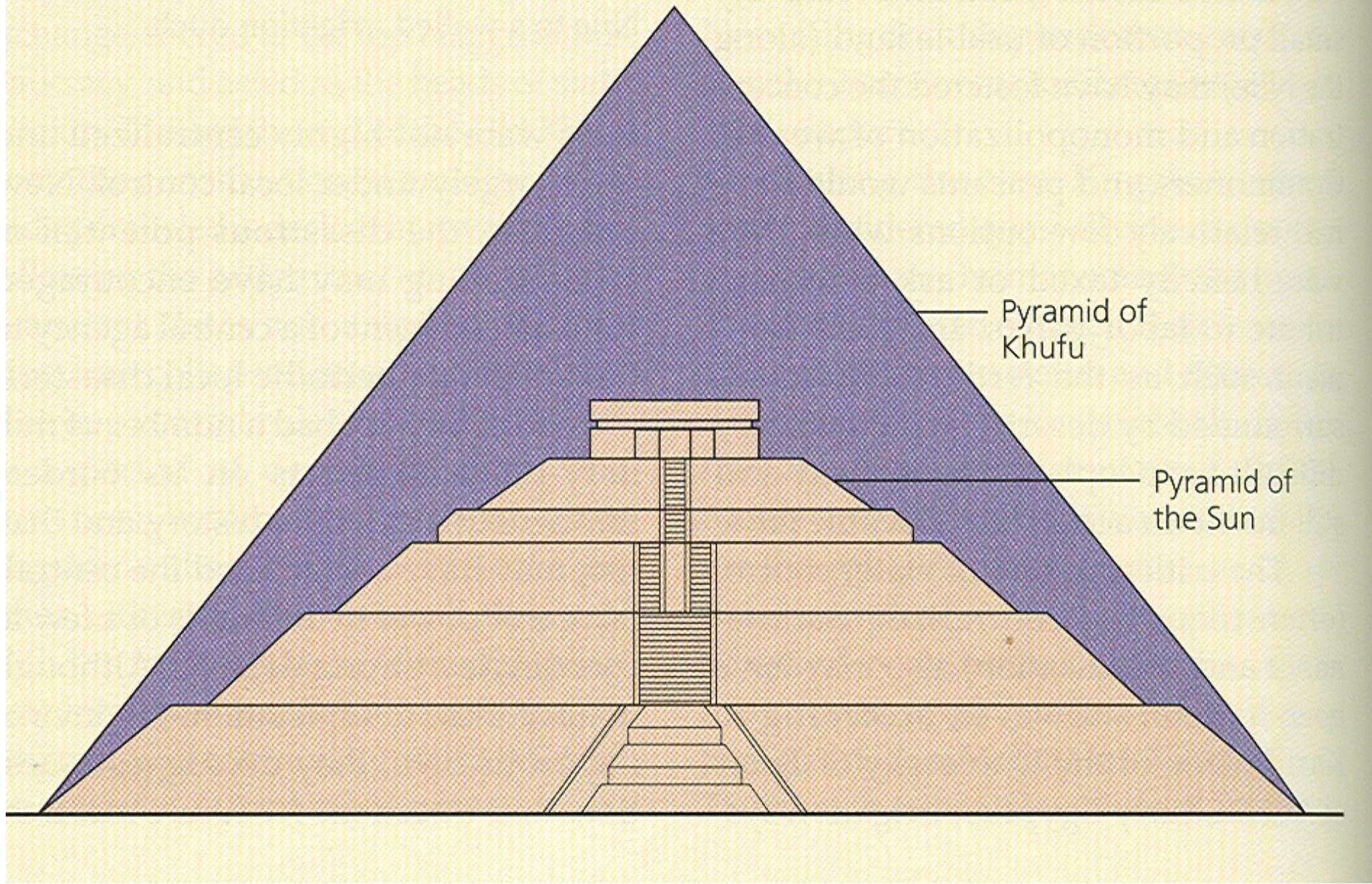


Pyramid of the Sun, Teotihuacan





Mine's Bigger than Yours: Khufu's Pyramid versus the Pyramid of the Sun



Pyramid of the Sun, Teotihuacan























No ball courts
documented at
Teotihuacan

Not popular in areas influenced by Teo

Pyramid of the Sun ca. 1958

