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Ancient Middle America Week 4



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Our Three-week Tour Continues



**We'll make up some of the materials on the
Main Characteristics of Anthropology
and "Other Important Terms"**

**that were scheduled for the days when UMD was closed
because of the weather as we go along and as best we can.**

**This week . . .
we continue our**

Three-week Tour of Ancient Middle America.

REM: Our three-week tour of Ancient Middle America . . .

began on Thursday with a visit to the Aztecs to get an idea of how they think:

["The Fifth World of the Aztecs"](#)

episode 4 of the *Spirits of the Jaguar series*
(60 min., 1997, UM DULUTH Library Multimedia F1430 .S65 2006 DVD)

This Tuesday and Thursday we're going to try to find out how and when the First Americans arrived in America . . . first looking at . . .

["Coming into America"](#)

from *Scientific American Frontiers* -- Alan Alda
(60 min., 2004, UM DULUTH Library Multimedia E99.C832 C66 2004 DVD)

And then going on to have a look at the . . .

[The Search for Ancient Americans](#)

(57 min., 1988, CC, VC 1299)

First Face of America

[[Naia](#) -- [Wikipedia](#)]

(53 min., 2018, DVD tba)

Next week we're first going to go on an excavation with some Mayan archaeologists and their international team of investigators as they . . .

Search for the Lost Cave People

(60 min., 1998, VC 3339)

Following up their excavations and discoveries we're going to visit the Olmec site of what is often said to be the "Mother Culture" of Ancient Middle Americans . . .

Excavations at La Venta

(29 min., 1986, VC 3284)

[By the way, this is NOT the same La Venta that the folks searching for the Lost Cave People are talking about.]

And we'll finish off our tour by having a look at why the folks that built the ancient Olmec site of La Venta in the modern-day state of Tabasco WERE NOT people who spread out ("diffused") from Egypt after building the famous Ancient Pyramids there:

"Looking for One Beginning: The Fallacy of Diffusionism"

From the series *Lost Worlds: The Story of Archaeology*


[Films for the Humanities](#)

(51 min., 2001, UM DULUTH Library Multimedia CC100 .L66 2002 DVD)

It's a great tour, and when it is over we'll return to review the materials, and look at some of the material we missed when UMD shut down, and begin preparations for the Midterm Exam.

This Week's Assignments and Events

. . . this week are listed on your **"Calendar"**.

They are also listed on the **"Syllabus"** section of your  **canvas** folder, if you prefer to have them in another form (see below).










This Week's "Calendar"

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Week 4	MA 4 Readings MA 4 Take the Two Selective Attention Tests (very short, 0:1:21 and 0:1:41)	9:01a MA 4 Video: "Coming into America" (60 min.)		9:01a MA 4 Video: The Search for Ancient Americans (57 min.)		ALL ITEMS DUE SATURDAY, NOT FRIDAY MA 4 Forum: Who Were the First Americans? (Due by End of Week 4, Saturday, 9 February 2019)

And the "Syllabus" version is found here:



In the "Syllabus" version the assignments look like this:

Sun Feb 3, 2019	 Week 4
Mon Feb 4, 2019	 MA 4 Take the Two Selective Attention Tests (very short, 0:1:21 and 0:1:41)
	 MA 4 Readings
Tue Feb 5, 2019	 MA 4 Video: "Coming into America" (60 min.)
Thu Feb 7, 2019	 MA 4 Video: The Search for Ancient Americans (57 min.)
	 ALL ITEMS DUE SATURDAY, NOT FRIDAY
Sat Feb 9, 2019	 MA 4 Forum: Who Were the First Americans? (Due by End of Week 4, Saturday, 9 February 2019)

If you haven't yet taken the two (very short) Selective Attention Tests in preparation for watching remaining films, please do that **soon.**

(Be sure to take both tests.)

Do the "Selective Attention Test" before you take "The Monkey Business Illusion."

Read and follow the directions carefully. . .

Selective Attention Test


<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJG698U2Mvo>



The Monkey Business Illusion

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGQmdoK_ZFY



If you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the  canvas Course “Chat”, or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop by Cina 215 before or after class.

Best Regards,

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