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Ancient Cultures of Middle America Week 12

The Postclassic

On Tuesday we're going to take a break from our video travels, pause to take a brief inventory of where we're at and where we're headed, and then head back to Teotihuacán for a final visit.

Once we leave Teotihuacán, and have reviewed the diagnostic features of the Classic Stage, we will have arrived at the Postclassic, the end of which you will find to be more familiar than much of what have been looking at this semester.

This Thursday we'll have a look at the great Aztec civilization and how it compares with the Postclassic Inca of Peru—again a comparative look from *Out of the Past*: “New Worlds”.





Tenochtitlán, Mexico







Machu Picchu, Peru
(Across the Divide Expeditions)

A week from Tuesday we'll have a look at the **characteristics and diagnostic features of the Postclassic Stage**, including a look at the great **Toltecs**—the people the Aztecs most wanted to be like. We'll have a closer look at the Toltecs and especially the Aztecs as we close out the semester in the remaining weeks; we'll also have a brief look at the Postclassic Mixtec of Oaxaca, and (after Thanksgiving) the Postclassic Maya of Chichén Itzá.

Check the activities and assignments of the week on your **Moodle** HomePage. This week they include . . .




-  Forum: Oaxaca Chiefdoms and Comparative Analysis (Due by Saturday, 29 November 2014; Thursday is Thanksgiving)
-  REM: Case Study: A Mesoamerican Personality is Due No Later than Saturday, 29 November 2014 (Thursday is Thanksgiving)

Remember to check the results of the class Video Responses from earlier weeks when they close. You can find the results in the **Moodle** Blocks where they first appeared. This week have a look at . . .

-  Results--"Forests of the Maya" f2014
-  Results--*Culture and Math: The Maya* f2014
-  Results--*Cracking the Maya Code* f2014
-  Results--*Maya Lords of the Jungle* f2014

Don't forget, share your ideas. Discuss them on-line with the others in class . . .

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-  Wiki for Project Collaboration
-  Live chat for Project Collaboration
-  Wiki for Project Collaboration
- QUICKMAIL (see sidebar)

The above items will be found at the top of your **Moodle** folder under "Student Collaboration Space".

This week's **(1) Topics, (2) Reading Assignments Listings, and (3) Activities** are detailed in the Week 12 Block of your **Moodle** folder.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop in after class, or post them on **Moodle**, or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu. Better yet, post them on your **Moodle** Discussion and Project forum boards.

Best Regards,

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